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Briton held by Serbs as relief convoys are halted in run-up to air strike deadline

Aid workers told to get out of Bosnia

BY MICHAEL BINYON, NICHOLAS WOOD AND BILL FROST

BRITAIN has halted all aid convoys in Bosnia-Herzegovina and pulled about a hundred convoy staff out of the republic for fear of reprisals by Serbs who have been threatened with air strikes if they do not withdraw from Sarajevo.

The United Nations has also stopped humanitarian operations in Serb-held areas and aid workers have been advised to move to safe areas.

The warnings came as the Serbs prevented a Briton and two fellow UN workers were from leaving Banja Luca in *northwestern Bosnia, a move* described as "ominous". Andy Bearpark, head of emergency aid with the Overseas Development Administration, said the three were not thought to have been arrested, but they had been unable to leave for the past 24 hours.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has started *urgent negotiations with the* Bosnian Serbs to ensure that the workers were not forcibly detained. Larry Hollingsworth, a senior UNHCR official, said he understood that an instruction had gone out from military authorities in Pale to prevent UNHCR staff leaving Serb-held territory.

The Pale authorities showed further defiance yesterday when they insisted that they would not bow to pressure from Nato nor withdraw from Sarajevo as a result of ultimatums. "It's not on. We are not going to cave in if Nato aircraft attack. We'll take them out," Jovan Zametica, a Bosnian Serb government spokesman, said.

The UN yesterday agreed to set up an enquiry into the massacre of 68 people in Sarajevo on Saturday.

But in Geneva, where the peace talks made a hesitant resumption, the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said his forces would implement the agreement brokered by Lieutenant-General Michael Rose and withdraw their artillery. Mr Karadzic said that Nato's ten-day ultimatum was "absolutely unnecessary": the *deal had been worked out a* week ago and had nothing to do with the Nato deadline.

Douglas Hurd meanwhile defended the ultimatum in the Commons — but hinted that Britain had been a reluctant participant and had agreed to the deadline only to prevent a rift within the alliance. The Foreign Secretary told MPs *that the Americans "felt passionately"* about Bosnia and that frustrating the Nato move would have administered "a very severe shock to our own defence policy".

A number of Conservative MPs had expressed "extreme apprehension" about the threat of air strikes in a private meeting with the Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg before Mr Hurd's statement, and in the Commons, there was a deep concern that Britain would be dragged into an all-out war.

Mr Hurd sought to reassure MPs by emphasising that the Defence Ministry had drawn up plans to protect British troops, including close air support from Nato jet. The ministry meanwhile announced that another four Jaguars have been sent to Italy, bringing the total to 12.

Mr Hurd made no reference in his statement to the decision to halt the aid convoys that are the main justification for the British presence in Bosnia, drawing a sharp rebuke from Labour's Jack Cunningham, who accused him of "ducking the issue".

The Overseas Development Administration said last night that about a hundred British convoy staff had been pulled back to Croatia, and that the UN had suspended all convoys in Serb areas. Others were being considered on a *case-by-case basis. Only the* Scandinavians were believed to have run any convoys yesterday.

Mr Bearpark was hopeful, however, that the aid effort would resume quickly, possibly within the next 48 hours. "We're reviewing the situation as quickly as possible and will restart whatever convoys we *are able to just as soon as* we are confident the security situation permits."

Independent charities were divided, however, about whether to heed the Government's advice. Edinburgh Direct Aid, which regularly runs convoys into Sarajevo, instructed drivers not to enter the city against the advice of *UN officials. But Feed the* Children, which operates in central Bosnia, said it would continue to send convoys through the war zone. David Grubb, the executive director, said the alternative was starvation or mass exodus. "We have an exit strategy which is being reviewed every couple of hours, but for the moment, the *convoys keep on rolling."*

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A Sarajevo resident ducking under a UN French armoured personnel carrier in the city yesterday. The French are monitoring the latest ceasefire

Gunmen of the mountains await their fate in fear



In the threatening hills above Sarajevo Tim Judah tells of the sombre anxiety gripping the once-ebullient besieging Serbs

THE guns have fallen silent on the slopes of Mount Trebevic, replaced, in the still icy air, by the thud of axe on wood as the Bosnian Serb soldiers cut logs to stoke the fires that provide a semblance of heat *for their log cabin bunkers* and machinegun posts.

Their mood is sombre, subdued, even fatalistic. "If we pull the artillery out, the Muslims will overrun us in ten minutes," Goran, 25, said. But Slobodan, 30, added: "What the politicians say, we will have to do."

Just days ago Serb soldiers *would regale visitors with* tales of invincibility from their gun positions overlooking the besieged city of Sarajevo. There was never any doubt of the response from the Bosnian Serb army if ever a shot were fired against their dugouts by the Nato warplanes that patrol constantly overhead.

That has all changed, however, with the announcement from Brussels on Wednesday that the Serb forces had ten days to pull back their artillery from around the Bosnian capital. By midnight tonight one of those days will have passed, seemingly without event on the slopes of this mountain which plunge dramatically into the city. Everything, indeed, was deceptively normal.

Dragisa, a 32-year-old fighter, was even bellicose. "Serbs don't wimp out," he said. "If air strikes happen, they happen." But his words lacked the conviction with which the boast is usually made.

From the machinegun hole he occupies, the entire city centre lies within easy range. Directly below is the French UN base, to the left the burnt-out parliament and to the right the Serbian and Roman Catholic cathedrals.

Some of the soldiers are from the city itself, but many are from the Serb villages that lie behind their positions. They have always claimed that they were not besieging the city but defending their villages. They know that if they loosen their grip, the numerically stronger but militarily weaker Bosnian army will try to burst out and wreak its revenge. This, rather than the fear of air strikes, is the real fear on Trebevic today.

As Serb artillery withdraws, if it withdraws, United Nations monitors are supposed to monitor positions and by their very presence deter attempts by either side to move forward. But the Serbs know that the presence of the United Nations has done little to save the people of Sarajevo from their guns.

Man charged with murder of officer

POLICE investigating the killing of Sergeant Derek Robertson last night charged Robin Eades, 31, a self-employed kitchen fitter, with his murder.

Mr Eades of Walton Green, New Addington, Croydon, south London, was also charged with the attempted robbery of £29,000 from the sub-post office at New Addington.

He will appear before Croydon magistrates court this morning.

Two brothers — Christopher John Snelling, 38, a builder, and Terry David Snelling, 31, unemployed, both of Claygate Crescent, New Addington — were charged with the attempted robbery of £29,000 from the sub-post office.

Detectives have found the knife which they believe was used to stab Sgt Robertson. The weapon was found during a search at the scene.

Yesterday Sgt Robertson's widow, Christine and her children Fraser, 7, and Sacha, 4, visited the scene where her husband died to lay flowers.

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Milligan's cousin hits back

BY STEWART TENDLER AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major's comments on the death of Stephen Milligan are criticised by a close member of the MP's family in a letter to *The Times* published today.

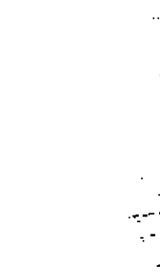
Speaking on a radio programme *this week* Mr Major said that Mr Milligan, who was found in his London home wearing only stockings and a bag over his head, must have been "pretty unhappy, pretty miserable".

Judge Tim Milligan, a cousin of the dead MP, said: "With respect to the *Prime Minister, Stephen* was neither miserable nor unhappy. On the contrary, he was thoroughly fulfilled in his work at Westminster and his Eastleigh constituency."

The judge's comments come as a Scotland Yard enquiry begins among police ranks into how de*tails of the bizarre death* were leaked to the press. Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, announced the enquiry yesterday after

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Warrington bombers jailed for 60 years

TWO IRA men who carried out the huge Warrington gasworks bombing were sent to prison for a total of 60 years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

*Pairic MacFhloinn, a Pro*visional IRA member from Dublin who refused to give evidence at his trial, was jailed for 35 years for causing an explosion with intent to endanger life, attempting to murder a policeman and kidnapping a motorist. Denis Kinsella, 25, who had lived in Nottingham for five years *before his arrest, was jailed* for 25 years after being convicted of the same charges.

The court heard how MacFhloinn shot PC Mark Toker three times when the *officer thwarted their* getaway after bombs had been planted at the Warrington gasworks in February last year.

Last night PC Toker said the two had received the sentences they deserved. "I have still got scars. I still suffer pain. Mentally, it will take time to forget."

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Star skier crashes out of Olympic ceremony

SEIZING disaster from the jaws of triumph, Ole Gunnar Fidjestol, Norway's ski jumping wizard, will not now be lighting the torch at tomorrow's Winter Olympics opening ceremony in Lillehammer (Joe Joseph writes).

The former champion spent eight months and 15 practice jumps perfecting a manoeuvre in which he leaps from a 120 metre ramp into the Olympic *stadium, bearing aloft the* flickering torch. But at yesterday's rehearsal he made one spectacular leap too many.

Instead of gliding gracefully into the Lysgardsbakkene stadium, he crash-landed and *ended in hospital with con*cussion and a twisted neck.

Weighing the sympathy of four million Norwegians against the gall of seeing his *understudy steal his glory,* Fidjestol said he had "leant too far forward and got too much lift. After that I simply had to throw away the torch."

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£6bn challenge to Labour on NHS

BY JILL SHERMAN AND JEREMY LAURANCE

A CONTROVERSY erupted at *Westminster last night as* ministers accused Labour of putting forward "ludicrous" plans, which they claimed would cost £6 billion, to reform the health service.

The dispute coincided with an announcement by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, that the Royal Marsden cancer hospital in London would be spared as she gave details of sweeping changes to the capital's health service.



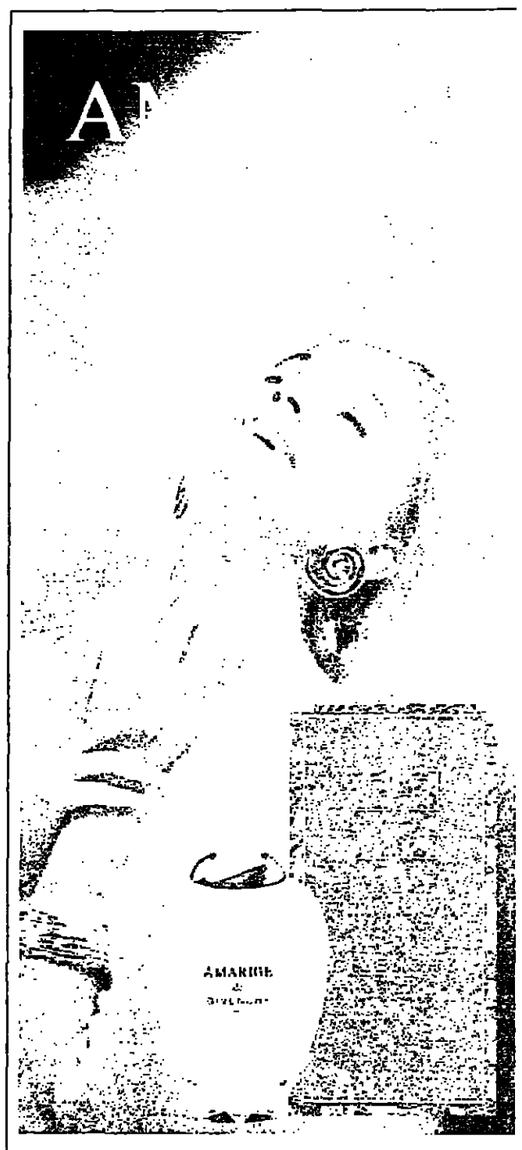
Launching the new policy *document Health 2000,* John Smith, the party Leader, said Labour intended to rebuild the NHS and to make Britain a "world leader in universal, value-for-money health care".

The report calls for GP fundholding to be abolished but adopts many other aspects of the Government's NHS reforms, including independently-run trust hospitals. It does not include any pledge for more resources to go to the NHS, claiming that money would be found from eliminating waste and inefficiency. *The document was derided* immediately by the Prime Minister, who dubbed it a "recipe for inefficiency, upheaval and chaos".

Brian Mawhinney, health minister, accused Labour of misleading voters deliberately by failing to put a price tag on the plans. "There is a great unspoken sentence in this document which Gordon

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Fleeting ray of sunshine pierces Major's gathering storm clouds

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

As a little girl in Gosport in the 1930s, your sketchwriter's mother was a leading artiste in a troupe of singing and dancing toddlers known as the Sunshine Babies. Yesterday in Parliament, Mrs Cheryl Gillan (C, Chesham & Amersham) distinguished herself in a similar role: a 1990s Tory Sunshine Baby.

Heaven, and Mrs Gillan, knew that the Prime Minister needed some shaft of sunlight to burst through the storm clouds of a dreadful week. Cheryl was determined to be Mr Major's little ray of sunshine. She succeeded. She did not actually dance, but she very well might have.

Major had arrived a few minutes before PM's questions was due to start. The Government whips had done their work, and he was greeted by a huge and slightly self-conscious cheer from his own side. It was like the brave return to his desk of a young clerk whose entire family have just been eaten by a shark: everyone was keen to cheer him up and pretend to be jolly: all was well and this was just another lovely day. Mr Major gave them a plucky grin, and the whip on duty, James Arbuthnot, managed a thin smile. "Poor John," everyone thought. "*such* an unlucky time for *him*". Labour were intent on making it worse. Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W) asked a vicious question about cigarette companies' help in the last Conservative election campaign. He had a letter from Imperial Tobacco saying they had contributed because the Tories had promised not to ban cigarette advertising.

Major floundered unhappily through some statistics about the reduction in the numbers of smokers. So far so bad. John Smith made it worse. This was unwitting; the Labour leader's line of questioning about the Child Support Agency was limp, and Major fielded it adequately.

It was when Smith dismissed Major's first answer as a "bromide response" that the PM flinched. This was not a week in which to mention bromide to the leader of the parliamentary Conservative Party, still less tea. Journalists giggled.

Some flicker of relief came as Labour's Eric Illsley (Barnsley Central) berated Major with news of misspent public funds. Tory parakeets chirruped "Monklands, Monklands" — their whips' latest idea for deflecting criticism onto the subject of alleged corruption in John Smith's constituency. But it wasn't convincing.

Then Bill Cash put the knife in. Would his Rt hon friend condemn the federalist line that the European Peoples' Party (to which Tory Euro MPs belong) had adopted? The Government front bench winced. Bravely — not to say recklessly — Major promised that Conservative Euro-candidates would be singing no such song this spring. It had the jaunty sound of a man whistling in the dark.

And Mrs Gillan heard his call. In danced the Amersham Sunshine Baby on Question 5. She wore a bright yellow tunic for the occasion. In the course of "a *very* busy day", she trilled, would the PM note ... and here began such a list of good news, hopeful signs and merry tidings that Mrs Gillan was quite breathless by the end. There was economic recovery, there was industrial confidence, there was the CBI, there was Crossrail — or Happyrail, as Mrs Gillan might prefer to style it.

Her song finally at an end, our little ray of sunshine bobbed back onto her seat among the grey-flannelled men, all smiles: a brave primrose peeping through the tarmac.

Mr Major looked very, very grateful. Even the Chief Whip grinned. This Baby will be asked to dance again.

Kidnapped Labour MP faces sack after ordeal in Somalia

By Philip Webster, Political Editor, and Edward Gorman

TWO British MPs held hostage by tribal warlords in Somalia were released yesterday. But one of them, Tony Worthington, Labour MP for Clydebank and Milngavie, is expected to be sacked from the Labour front bench for going on the trip in defiance of his party whips.

Mr Worthington, abducted with Mark Robinson, Tory MP for Somerton and Frome and a junior Foreign Office aide, had been ordered by his party chiefs last Friday not to undertake the visit. Overseas trips for Labour MPs are banned in the current state of open warfare between Conservatives and Labour at Westminster.

The policy of non-cooperation means no official "pairing", which allows Tory MPs to agree absences from the Commons with Labour counterparts and thus avoid any change in the Government's majority.

Mr Robinson is understood to have been told by his whips that he could go on the fact-finding tour provided that he found a Labour MP to "match" his absence. Mr Worthington fitted the bill.

There were cheers in the Commons when the men's release was announced by Commons Leader, Tony Newton. The relief among Labour leaders that their Overseas Development spokesman was safe was swiftly replaced by anger that he should have broken the non-cooperation policy. Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, and Derek Foster, the Labour chief whip, were reported to be furious and disciplinary action seems certain to follow.

Mr Worthington, having spent an uncomfortable day in the hands of armed clansmen, now faces an equally unpleasant encounter with Labour's formidable disciplinarian, Donald Dixon, the deputy chief whip.

The two MPs were in Somalia looking at projects run by the ActionAid charity. They were taken on Wednesday night along with Jeff Chinnock, the charity's external relations manager. They were abducted near Erigavo, northwest Somalia, during a week-long fact-finding mission.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We can confirm that they are at the ActionAid office in Erigavo."

The three men were among five Britons and a Somali initially kidnapped by the clansman. The other three, Anne Johnstone, a journalist with *The Herald* in Glasgow, aid worker Robin Lemare and Haroon Youssef, a local ActionAid employee, were all released overnight.

ActionAid confirmed the two MPs and the charity worker were safely back in the charity's compound at Erigavo. A spokesman said elders of the local community had helped to negotiate their release and the group will be flown to Djibouti this morning.

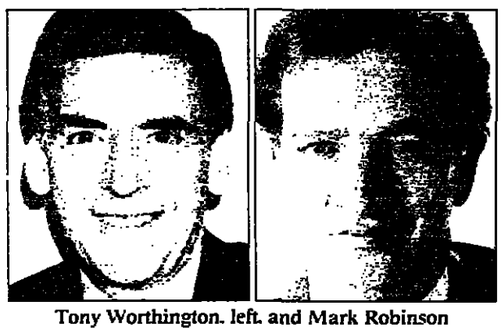
The Foreign Office said that no ransom demand had been made, and said the kidnap resulted from a dispute between their captors, members of the Mousa Ismail clan, and a rival clan. The FO spokesman said the hostages were taken soap, blankets and other supplies yesterday by a local Somali employee of ActionAid.

The Foreign Office's current advice to travellers is not to go to Somalia because of the security situation there. The MPs' trip was organised and paid for by the charity. Its headquarters are in Mr Robinson's constituency and Mr Worthington specialises in Africa. They did not ask the Foreign Office whether they should go, but told it they were going.

Mr Worthington's wife, Angela, said: "It's really good news. He'll get a very warm welcome home. Fortunately the waiting and worrying has not been too long."

Mr Robinson's wife, Vivien, said: "I haven't had a chance to speak to him yet. I'm just glad he's all right. He's been to quite a few difficult parts of the world, but he's never got into anything like this before."

ActionAid said it still did not know exactly why the kidnapping had taken place. Mark Curtis, a researcher with the charity, said: "We heard that the local forces were making some kind of demands on the regional government, but we don't know what they were."



Tony Worthington, left, and Mark Robinson

Saving the Royal Marsden, PR style

SHERRI BEREGOVOY



Fiona Fullerton, one of the celebrities who rallied to the Royal Marsden cause

Hospital that became talk of Westminster avoids closure

By Andrew Pierce

WHEN ministers targeted the Royal Marsden Hospital for closure last summer even the most experienced civil servants at the Department of Health were taken aback by the force of the well-marshalled opposition.

A high profile public campaign, masterminded by Ian Greer Associates (IGA), Westminster's biggest political lobbyists, was launched and involved a close friend of the Prince of Wales, former health ministers, a former Speaker, the chairman of the BBC governors, a former permanent secretary at the Department of Health, and the grandson of a Tory Prime Minister.

A core group of Tory MPs was recruited to the cause. There were delegations to ministers. But the key to the campaign's success was securing the support of MPs from outside London — most from the capital already backed the hospital. IGA compiled a breakdown of the Marsden's referrals in the past year and wrote to 400 MPs, pointing out how many of their constituents had been treated there. Dozens came on side.

Newspaper columnists were outraged at the prospect of the bulldozers moving in months after a new wing had been opened — of which £25 million of the cost was raised by the public. Celebrities such as Brian Blessed, Brough Scott and Fiona Fullerton signed a one-million-name petition that was presented to John Major by Chelsea football club. A three-day candlelit vigil was held at St James's, Piccadilly. It became the most talked about hospital at Westminster.

Lady Olga Maitland, the Tory MP, who was one of the leading campaigners, said: "It was a triumph of reserved and carefully targeted campaigning by highlighting the issues, not exploiting patients, and motivating public opinion."

☐ The voice of Virginia Bottomley announcing her plans for Guy's could be heard all round the hospital from radios and television sets tuned in to Parliament (Ian Murray writes).

"They can't do that, there'll be a revolution," said Charles Law, 79, sitting by the bedside of his wife Florence, 77, who had been brought in to the acute ward in the morning with a heart attack.

"This is our hospital. It belongs to us. They have no right to take it away from us. I was born and brought up within a quarter of a mile of this place. I love and trust it and my wife wouldn't be alive now if it had been closed."

He pointed round the ward. "All these people are devastated but they'll be up in arms and fighting."

In the nurses' common room two Guy's-trained sisters were looking drained. One said: "We have a feeling of being terribly let down as if we aren't wanted anymore."

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£6bn challenge over NHS reform

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Brown won't let David Blunkett repeat the cost is £6 billion." What the Labour party needs to tell the taxpayer is where that money is going to come from." Mr Blunkett denied last night that his reforms would cost £6 billion, and dismissed Mr Mawhinney's figure as "total rubbish".

The British Medical Association said it was glad that Labour had decided to start consultations on the document. Privately doctors were concerned about the proposed restrictions on private medicine and Labour's decision to abolish fund-holding.

Unveiling her plans for the capital, Mrs Bottomley said that the Royal Marsden in west London would be spared for now. But the long-term future of the internationally famous hospital, which will now compete for patients in the NHS market, was put in doubt as it emerged that two local health authorities plan to send their cancer patients elsewhere.

Announcing eight new NHS trusts for the capital, including the Moorfields eye hospital, the Maudsley psychiatric hospital and the Royal Brompton heart and lung hospital, Mrs Bottomley completed changes first proposed over two years ago in the Tomlinson report.

However, they are unlikely to secure the loss of the 2,500 beds that Sir Bernard Tomlinson said was the minimum necessary to ensure the viability of those hospitals which remained. St Thomas' will become the capital's — and the country's — premier teaching hospital, taking over the flagship role from Guy's, most of whose services it will absorb.

The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, which is also to become a trust, will remain on its site, but the future of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery is uncertain. The drive to improve GP services in the capital is to be strengthened with an extra £85 million for improvements to premises and new powers for family health services authorities.

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complaints from Tory backbenchers alleging that police may even have been paid for information by reporters.

The police team investigating the death was last night waiting for a report from pathologist Dr Iain West. Police have been told it is expected to show accidental death by asphyxiation and that murder has been ruled out.

The Yard enquiry follows concern among the Tory leadership at the way news of the death reached the MP's parents. Nigel Waterson, MP for Eastbourne and a friend of Mr Milligan, said: "There is a genuine worry ... that some sections of the tabloid press are getting tip-offs from police officers, presumably for money. In these cases there should be disciplinary action and officers found to be responsible should be subject to dismissal."

Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP for Weston-super-Mare, said: "We have seen that certain officers leak information in advance. It's not the first time this has happened. I have experience of it having happened to me, in a personal circumstance which was very distressing."

Mr Condon said he was "distressed that Mr Milligan's family heard about his death on a news programme". Scotland Yard said that the police had not officially given out any details of the MP's death other than to say a death was being investigated and was being treated as suspicious. That the body was Mr Milligan's was confirmed many hours later.

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan Police branch of the Police Federation, said: "We would refute entirely that the information concerning Mr Milligan came from police officers. It could have come from other sources — from within the Houses of Parliament, the ambulance service or anyone monitoring police radio calls. If we are going to look at the police, look at other sources as well."

☐ Justin Fashanu, the gay footballer who was interviewed by police over the death of Mr Milligan, was sacked by his Scottish Hearts club last night.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boys, 10 and 11, accused of rape

Two boys aged 10 and 11 have been charged with raping a girl aged five. The boys, the youngest in British legal history to face such a charge, are also accused of an act of gross indecency. They were remanded on unconditional bail on Wednesday at Margate juvenile court, Kent, until March.

Until last September, only boys aged 14 could be accused of rape because the law regarded younger boys as incapable. Boys as young as 10, however, have been accused of sexual attacks and have been charged with indecent assault. The Sexual Offences Act 1993 removed the lower age limit on rape. It is understood the 10-year-old boy was visiting his friend's home in Margate on New Year's Day. The alleged offence happened after a game the children had been playing.

Guilty pleas cut penalty

Courts will be under a statutory duty to take early pleas of guilty into account when fixing sentences under plans announced by Michael Howard, Home Secretary, yesterday. A new clause to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill will place courts under a duty to consider guilty pleas and to announce any discount earned in court.

Father ends protest

A father whose maintenance payments had been almost tripled by the Child Support Agency spent two hours perched on scaffolding 100ft above the centre of his home town of Scarborough yesterday. Howard Johnson, 39, a former SAS soldier and now a printer, ended his protest by surrendering to police and was cautioned.

Baby deaths pledge

A minister in the Irish Republic said yesterday that society had failed the mothers of two babies found dead within the past week. Niamh Bhreathnach, the Education Minister, promised to improve the republic's sex education programmes and said she planned to meet women's groups to discuss the pressures facing teenage mothers.

Britons win TV awards

British programmes won three major awards at the 34th Television Festival of Monte Carlo last night: BBC2's *Assignment*, for investigation into female infanticide in India; Jeremy Bowen, a BBC news correspondent, for his coverage of the siege of Mostar in Bosnia; and Robbie Coltrane, for his psychologist in Granada's *Cracker*.

Duck was leak-proof

A woman sacked because she was suspected of leaking details about a toy duck yesterday had a complaint of sex discrimination upheld by Reading industrial tribunal. Anne Phillips, 28, of Banbury claimed she lost her job with a plastics firm because her estranged husband Tony worked for a rival. Compensation will be set in April.

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Man faces questions over Jo Ramsden

Ex-nurse given nine life sentences for string of sex attacks

BY BILL FROST

A FORMER psychiatric nurse who chose mentally retarded women for sex attacks was sentenced yesterday to nine concurrent terms of life imprisonment.

After the case, police said that Michael Fox, 50, would be questioned again over the death of Jo Ramsden, the 21-year-old Down's Syndrome sufferer.

Fox, from Charminster, Dorset, had admitted five charges of kidnap, three of rape and one of attempted rape. He had also asked for three kidnaps, three attempted kidnaps, two indecent assaults and one attempted rape to be taken into consideration.

Passing sentence at the Old Bailey, Mr Justice Ognall told him: "Your behaviour would cause a sense of revulsion in any right-thinking person." He recommended that Fox should serve at least 12 years before being eligible for parole.

Det Chief Supt Des Donohoe, head of Dorset CID, said: "The judge decided that he was bad, not mad — and he got it spot on. He is an extraordinarily dangerous man who took advantage of inadequate women ... and I think the sentence reflected this."

The body of Jo Ramsden was found in a shallow grave after vanishing from her home town of Bridport, Dorset, in April 1991. Fox had earlier been accused of Jo's abduction but the case never came before a jury because of insufficient evidence.



Fox: his targets were mentally retarded women

Mr Donohoe said Fox would be interviewed again about Jo Ramsden, adding: "We will continue the investigation."

Fox was jailed yesterday after psychiatric reports suggested an order confining him to a mental hospital would not be appropriate.

The judge told him: "You have pleaded guilty to nine very serious offences and you ask me to take into account, as I do, other offences of a similar character that you have admitted.

"The final psychiatric reports upon you suggest that even if you are suffering from any form of mental disorder your condition does not warrant your detention in a mental hospital."

Two Broadmoor Hospital doctors were criticised by Mr Justice Ognall for producing medical reports on Fox without first seeing prosecution evidence. The judge said he hoped that in future such reports would not base their findings merely on what a prisoner said but would also take into account the Crown's case.

"To do otherwise almost always leads to a misleading picture being presented and, unfortunately as in this case, an inaccurate diagnosis. I hope it won't happen again."

The judge said he believed Fox represented "a serious risk of serious harm", especially to mentally handicapped women.

Fox carried out a string of sex attacks in Dorset between June 1988 and December 1991. An earlier hearing at Winchester Crown Court was told the admitted offences concerned five women, three living in Weymouth and two at Herrison Hospital near Dorchester, where Fox was employed before being retired on medical grounds.

His victims were snatched and taken to isolated spots where they were attacked and abandoned.

Neil Butterfield QC, for the defence, told the court that his client had been abused as a child. Doctors agreed that this had played a "considerable part" in the offences.

There were none of the aggravating features often associated with serial rape, he said. No weapons were used, there was no sadism and none of the victims suffered serious injury.

Mr Donohoe later confirmed that, although not made clear in court, initially the Broadmoor doctors had recommended sending Fox to hospital. After they had been made aware of the prosecution evidence they changed their minds, producing new reports that said a hospital order would not be appropriate.

Dead girl's parents hope for new clues

BY A STAFF REPORTER

RICHARD Ramsden and his wife Angela stayed away from the Old Bailey yesterday when sentence was passed on Michael Fox, who had been accused of kidnapping their murdered daughter.

"I don't believe in an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," Mr Ramsden said. "But I felt that I just could not trust myself to be in court and see that man. I just hope that life really does mean life in this case. He should never be let out again.

"Now he has been sentenced perhaps we can rest a little easier. I just hope no-one ever considers parole for Fox. You try to learn to live with the pain of losing a much-loved child. But each day we find ourselves thinking about Jo and grieving."

Jo Ramsden, 20, who had Down's Syndrome, went missing after her father took her to a leisure centre in Bridport where she worked with toddlers. She was last seen being driven through the town in a black car. In March 1992 — 11 months after she had gone missing — Jo's body was found buried in woodland on the Dorset/Devon border. Police were unable to say how she died.



Jo Ramsden: police do not know how she died

Fox was arrested and charged with her kidnap and a string of other offences. However, last year a judge at Cardiff Crown Court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with the case but that the charge should lie on the file.

Dorset police said after last year's hearing that the investigation into Miss Ramsden's kidnap and murder was not to be reopened. The detective leading the hunt, who described Fox as "a despicable man", said the public would have to make up their own minds about the case.

Mr Ramsden, 66, spoke yesterday of the nagging doubt in his mind that his daughter's killer might still be at large. "You eventually learn to live with the suffering but you never can deal with the uncertainty. We were both very disappointed that the charge against Fox was not proceeded with. It is unsatisfactory for us and the police.

"Jo was so happy, so outgoing. She loved life and loved other people. Somebody cut a great chunk of happiness out of our lives. Her bedroom is still 'Jo's room'. We will always have the memories but we will never have our little girl back.

"I only hope that when Fox is interviewed again detectives may be able to get a little more information."



Christine Robertson and her children, Fraser, 7, and Sacha, 4, inspecting flowers yesterday at the place where her husband was killed

Police find knife used to murder sergeant

BY STEWART TENDLER

DETECTIVES yesterday found the knife which they believe was used to stab Sergeant Derek Robertson, who died outside a sub-post office while trying to stop three masked raiders.

The weapon was found during a search at the scene in New Addington, south London, visited earlier by Sgt Robertson's widow and her two young children. They inspected flowers left by well-wishers.

As detectives continued to question three men held after the killing, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, rejected calls for tougher sentences for the murder of police officers or for all officers to be issued with guns.

Christine Robertson, who had been married for six weeks, said: "Derek was a dignified, gracious and thoroughly decent man. Our son Fraser and our daughter Sacha and I want everyone to know we are proud of him. We loved him very much and shall go on loving him."

Mrs Robertson, who had travelled from her home in Reigate, Surrey, with her children, said: "He was a very special man and we know we were lucky to have had him as part of our lives. No one can ever take that away from us. We shall miss him more than any words can ever express."

Mr Howard indicated in the Commons that he intended to continue the practice that murderers of police officers serve a minimum of 20 years. The reply provoked cries of "Not enough" from some Tory backbenchers. He said that arming all police officers was an option that most people and most police "would not want us to adopt".

☐ Charges against two men in connection with the murder in October of PC Patrick Dunne and a suspected drugs dealer in Clapham, south London, have been dropped.

Arbour Square magistrates, Stepney, were told that the Crown Prosecution Service had discontinued the case against Richard Watts, 34, and Gary Nelson, 23. They were remanded on charges relating to separate matters. A charge of conspiracy to murder against a third man, Anthony Francis, 28, was dropped at Thames Magistrates' Court.

Manic drivers zoom up the charts

BY JOE JOSEPH

■ Parliament is to investigate 'Police! Stop!', a best-selling road safety film which critics claim could encourage joy-riding

FORGET *The French Connection* and *Bullitt*. A £10.99 video of police car chases and manic motorway driving has become a best-seller, threatening the livelihood of Hollywood stars who act out similar scenes, but only if you pay them a mint and let them bring a personal hairdresser on the set.

Parliament was told yesterday that *Police! Stop!* would be investigated under the Government review of laws on videos — aimed at curbing scenes of sex and violence — after Peter Mandelson, the Labour MP, warned that "this reckless video provides copycat encouragement to young joyriders and should be withdrawn from sale forthwith".

Trumpeted by its makers as an educational road safety film, the 50-minute tape has reached third position in the charts, vaulting past TV compilations from *Absolutely Fabulous* and *Mr Bean*. Since its release three weeks ago, *Police! Stop!* has sold more than 70,000 copies.

The producers, Labyrinth Media, insist the footage — which includes police car chases that end with a crash, drivers changing tyres in the fast lane, and joyriders threatening to hurl a pet dog out of the window of a speeding car unless the police stop giving chase — has been compiled to promote road safety.

Barrie Goulding, Labyrinth's marketing chief, also describes it as the motorist's version of Jeremy Beadle's *You've Been Framed*. "That's why people are buying it. It's compulsive viewing. You won't believe how stupid people are. It's frightening. You can see people reading a map on the motorway at 60mph. Police want the public to see it so they can realise they are being videoed."

Matthew Joint, of the Automobile Association, says it is "unlikely that this video will make any contribution to road safety and we feel it could be detrimental. An irresponsible minority will think it clever to try to duplicate some of the antics."

Even the ten regional police forces which provided for free the video footage taken from their motorway cameras, sound as if the outcome is not all they hoped. "I am disappointed," said David Williams, the chief constable of Surrey and honorary secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee.

"The video clips that were made available for road safety reasons may have the effect of glamorising police pursuits. There are many positive road safety messages in this video, and it is unfortunate if these messages have been blunted."

☐ More than 5,000 pornographic and violent videos have been seized in a series of raids by trading standards officers and police. Twenty people are being questioned and an underground network circulating the films has been broken up.

The operation, based in Lancashire, involved about 100 trading standards officers in co-ordinated raids at premises in 20 towns.

Chef 'fought to save officer'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CHEF armed with a rolling pin fought in vain to save a dying policeman from an attacker armed with a knife, Teesside Crown Court was told yesterday.

John Newton battled to rescue Sgt Bill Forth, 34, when he was attacked answering a late-night 999 call in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear last March.

The court heart that Mr Newton, 50, of Sunniside, confronted the attackers. He told the court: "I ran towards the two men and one had his arm raised in the air holding a knife. The policeman was trying desperately to hold on to his attacker.

"I just started hitting the man across the legs about ten times with the rolling pin as hard as I could. He turned and said: 'Why are you hitting me, he's the copper'."

Mr Newton beat the man until he fled, but Sgt Forth had slumped to the ground with eight stab wounds. One blow had pierced his heart and medical teams failed to revive him.

Mr Newton said: "I threw the rolling pin at the attacker as he ran but it just missed him. When I turned the policeman had slumped in the ground. I tried to get his radio to work to ring for help, but I couldn't. I opened his shirt to see how injured he was, but I think he was already dead."

Paul Weddle, 25, and Philip English, 15, both of Gateshead, deny murder.

The trial continues.

BBC digs up fresh gardening experts

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AN unseasonal storm is about to descend on potting sheds up and down the land.

Two days after losing the entire panel of *Gardeners' Question Time* to Classic FM, BBC Radio 4 last night announced five new panellists for the programme. In a radio version of a classic Fleet Street "spoiler", the corporation announced that its new team would go on air on February 20, six weeks before Classic's *Gardening Forum* begins.

In time-honoured broadcasting fashion, most of the new experts have all been pinched from other programmes. For the first edition of the new-look *Gardeners' Question Time*, the chairman, Eric Robson, a former presenter of BBC television's little-known, *The Allotment Show*, will be joined by Geoffrey Smith, a gardening broadcaster and writer, Geoff Hamilton, presenter of BBC2's *Gardeners' World* and Matthew Biggs, from Channel 4's *Garden Club*, to dispense advice on everything from alpines to zinnias.

Mr Robson said: "It is an honour to work with so expert a panel and I'm looking forward to keeping the very special partnership that's developed between an outstanding programme and its loyal audience."

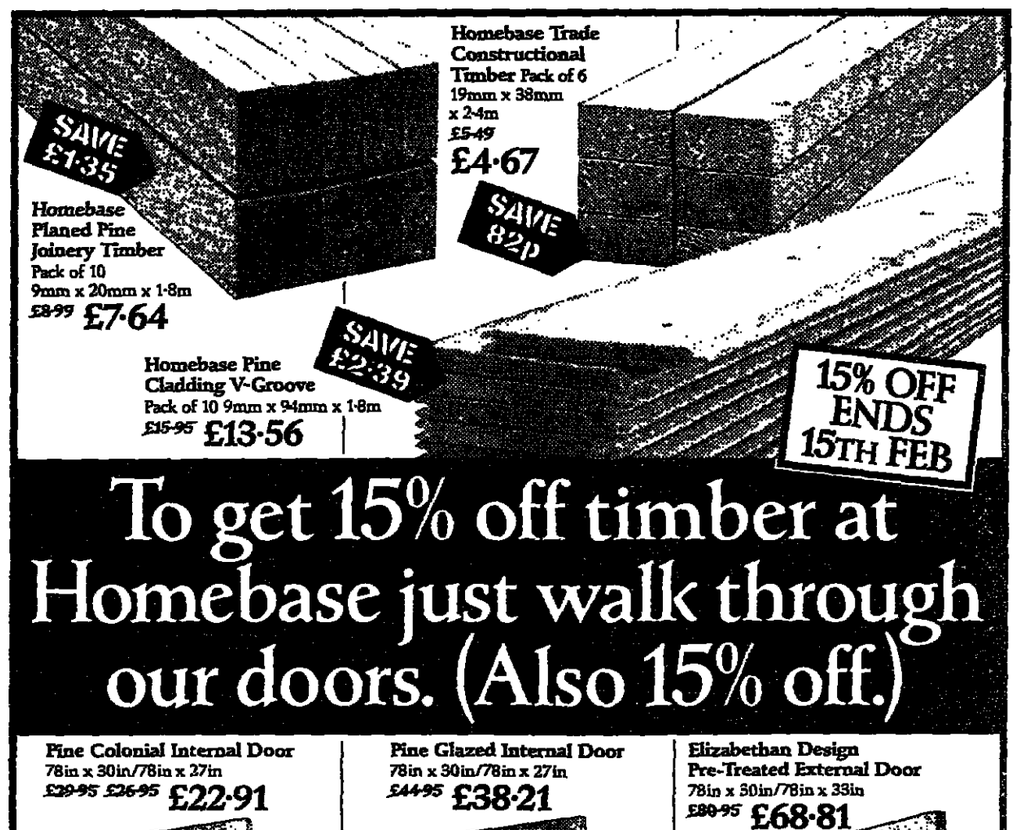
The appointment of a new panel follows the mass defection on Tuesday of the long-serving *GQT* stalwarts Daphne Ledward, Fred Downham, Sue Phillips and Bridget Moody, led to fresh pastures on Classic FM by their chairman, Dr Stefan Buczacki.

He said last night that he would listen to the new *GQT* panel with great interest. "Ultimately, how good they are will be judged by whom the listeners decide to tune into," he said.

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Dr Buczacki: heading off to fresh pastures



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Warrington attack put lives of firemen and residents in severe danger, says judge

Terrorists jailed for gasworks bombing

By Richard Duce

PAIRIC MacFhloinn, the IRA terrorist who led the bombing mission that devastated Warrington gas works, was jailed for 35 years by the Old Bailey yesterday.

Denis Kinsella was jailed for 25 years for the attack on the gasworks on February 26 last year.A third terrorist caught after the gasworks attack, John Kinsella, 49, Denis's uncle, was jailed for 20 years for possessing Semtex with intent.

All three were involved in the plan to attack the gasworks site, the court had been told.

MacFhloinn and Denis Kinsella were also found guilty of trying to murder PC Mark Toker, a traffic policeman, after planting the bombs, of the kidnapping of a motorist when they abandoned their escape vehicle and of possessing a gun.

Three weeks after the gasworks bombing, Johnathan Ball, 3, and Timothy Parry, 12, were killed by the IRA bombing of Warrington town centre. Those who carried out the Warrington town centre bombing have never been caught.

Mr Justice McCullough told the defendants that the lives of firemen and residents on a nearby estate had been placed in severe danger by the gasworks bombing.

There were gasps from the public gallery as the sentences were announced.

Mr Justice McCullough praised Lee Wright, the young man kidnapped by the IRA gang, for his "very cool" actions in disconnecting a wire taht led the terrorists to think the car had run out of petrol.

MacFhloinn, 40, a researcher with a firm of Dublin lawyers, had travelled from Ireland with a man known only as Michael Timmins and prepared their bombs in the flat in Nottingham where Denis Kinsella lived with his girl friend. John Kinsella agreed to store extra supplies of Semtex in an allotment in the city for further IRA bomb attacks.

Denis Kinsella was the driver of a battered white van and took the two Dubliners on the trip to Warrington.

After the bombs had been planted, PC Toker became suspicious of the battered van and stopped all three men for questioning.

When PC Toker insisted on searching the three men, MacFhloinn shot the officer three times at point blank range as he tried to run away. Despite serious injuries, the officer survived the attack.

The terrorists abandoned the van after the shooting and Kinsella hijacked a car at gunpoint, bundling Mr Wright into the boot. They drove towards Manchester but then panicked and opened fire on a police car that began to give chase.

The stolen Ford Escort was abandoned near the M62 and MacFhloinn and Kinsella were arrested. Timmins escaped in the dark.

Police are wary of treating the second Warrington bomb attack as a reprisal after the arrests of the earlier bombing team but one senior officer involved in prosecuting the gasworks bombers conceded last night: "It was a disastrous day for us."

He thought that there was "an element of spite" in that the IRA was showing it could still operate by striking in Warrington.

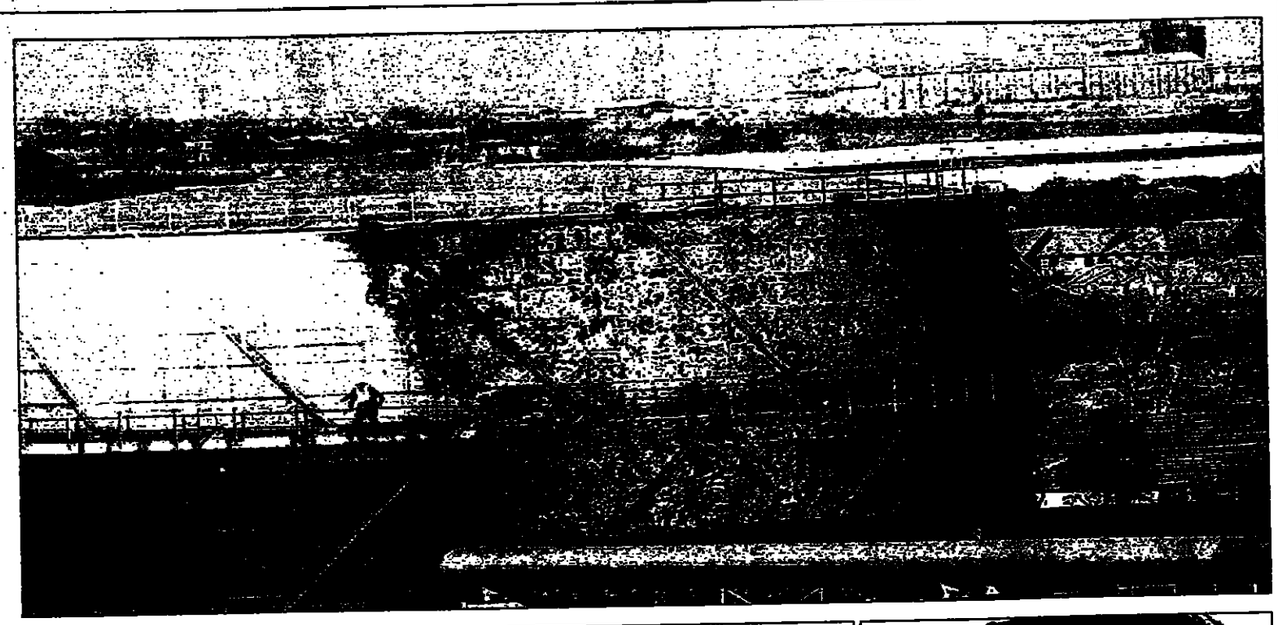
The judge told MacFhloinn: "The evidence is sufficient to make me sure that you were willing to run the risk that people might be killed or injured. Your attempts to kill PC Toker with five pistol shots shows the importance you attach to the lives of others in comparison with your own interest."

After the hearing, PC Toker, 25, said at a press conference: "I am glad that it is over, it has been hard for me and my family. I am back at work now. Getting back to my life has been difficult to do.

"I hope one day it will fade into the back of my memory. When someone tries to shoot you, you remember everything. It is still in my memory and will be for years to come," PC Toker said.

Describing the moment when he stopped the terrorist gang, PC Toker said: "I had no inkling at the time who they were.

"When I saw the gun, my first feeling was fear. I tried to run away. When I was hit I fell to the ground and hoped they would leave me. They deserve the sentence as far as I am concerned."









The damaged gas holder at Warrington, top, and the convicted terrorists, from left, Pairic MacFhloinn, John Kinsella, and Denis Kinsella

Petty thieves made 'unusual' terror trio

By A Staff Reporter

■ Recruitment of three bombers reflects the "extreme variety" of people the IRA uses to serve its ends on the mainland

IRA terrorists activated two petty criminals as their mainland "sleepers" for the bombing mission on Warrington gas works. When the call for action came from bomb maker Pairic MacFhloinn, both Denis Kinsella and his uncle John Kinsella agreed to help the terrorist cause.

Both men were ideal recruits because they had no past terrorist links although John, known in the pubs and clubs he frequented in Nottingham as "Dublin John", made no secret of his sympathies.

Their introduction to terrorism came through Denis's father, also Denis, a long-distance lorry driver from Dublin who was involved in a tobacco smuggling ring in the Midlands with his son and brother. It was Denis Snr, a known republican sympathiser, who brought MacFhloinn, also known as Paddy MacGlynn, from Dublin in his lorry and introduced him to his relatives in a car park near the Notts County football ground.

John Kinsella had lived in England for the past 30 years and fancied himself as a wheeler and dealer with a hard-man reputation. He has a string of convictions for dishonesty including dole frand. However, his bully boy image rapidly disappeared after his arrest. Unlike die-hard IRA men who refused to answer any police questions, he caved in after the bombing and led detectives to the arms cache he had hidden in an allotment for MacFhloinn.

While on remand he tried to commit suicide by slashing his neck with the lid of a salmon tin after prisoners warned him that the IRA did not readily forgive informants.

Police say Denis Kinsella also "blubbered" to them after his arrest, claiming he was only driving MacFhloinn and the second bomber, who eventually escaped, on a burglary escapade to Warrington.

Denis had travelled from Dublin to Nottingham in search of work five years ago. He was usually unemployed and earned extra money on roofing jobs with his uncle or by selling the tobacco brought in from the Continent by his father.

It was at the flat in Nottingham that Denis shared with Laverne Davies that MacFhloinn put together the Semtex devices for the Warrington raid. Denis was at pains to keep his girl friend away from the flat while the bombs were prepared.

While the Kinsellas were pawns in the bombing strategy, MacFhloinn was a long-standing republican convicted in 1975 for being a member of the IRA. His parents are both staunch republicans and his father was once interned.

While elements of the bomb attack on Warrington were dogged by misfortune — the choice of a battered van for the 80-mile journey from Nottingham was to prove their undoing — police are convinced it was no amateur operation.

A senior anti-terrorist source conceded the defendants were an "unusual trio" but the IRA recruitment of the Kinsellas reflected "their extreme variety — they go from women aged 60 to Scots to people who are English through and through".

Denis Kinsella Snr was in The Netherlands when news of the gas works explosion became known. Pleading a family crisis, he abandoned his lorry and flew home to Ireland. He lost his job after telling his boss he would not drive on the UK mainland or in Northern Ireland. Police have made no move to extradite him but would want to question him should he return to England.

Neglected infant died from nappy infection

By A Staff Reporter

A CHILD of 15 months died in agony from severe nappy rash after being left in urine-soaked nappies and clothes by his cruel and neglectful parents, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The boy's body was covered in weeping sores and ulcers caused by the acidity of the urine eating into his skin. He was undernourished, weighing only 16lb 15oz, and had not put on weight for eight months.

His unemployed parents had turned their attractive three-storey Georgian terraced house, which had been renovated by the local council at a cost of £106,000, into a place unfit for human habitation, Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said.

The child was left alone for hours in a pram and his nappy and clothes were rarely changed. The sleeves of his babygrow were tied together to stop him moving.

The father spent six days a week at the bookmaker's while his disabled wife struggled to bring up their family of six children, Mr Pownall said.

Bread was the only food found in the house after the child's death. Of the £184.60 the family received weekly in benefits, an average of £44 a week was spent at the bookmaker's and £21 on cigarettes.

Mr Pownall said there was severe inflammation of the child's skin over 35 per cent of his body and his toes were black. There were deep ulcers on his leg and feet and sores over his body.

Mr Pownall said: "The baby suffered from severe nappy rash. He had been immersed over a long period of time in urine."

The nappy rash resulted in pneumonia and septicaemia setting in, which resulted in death.

Mr Pownall said the child's parents refused to take him to the doctor because they hated outside agencies meddling in their life.

"In all probability the boy was in a coma for up to six hours before he died," he said. "At the very least they should have taken him to a doctor's. If they had done so, even up to 12 hours before his death, he would have survived and had a meaningful life."

Mr Pownall said the boy had been "ill-treated, neglected, abandoned and exposed". The couple, from Islington, north London, who cannot be named for legal reasons, deny manslaughter and cruelty.

They also plead not guilty to cruelty charges on three other children aged four, nine and fourteen.

The case continues.

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US bishop rejects the story of Easter

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

AN AMERICAN Anglican bishop has called for a wholesale rejection of the literal truth of the Easter story, which he condemns as fanciful and unbelievable.

In a book that is certain to arouse anger when it is published in London next month, the Right Rev John Shelby Spong, Episcopalian Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, says Christianity should not depend "on a figure who can disappear into thin air after the breaking of bread".

Bishop Spong, the enfant terrible of American bishops, says Easter has "nothing to do with angelic announcements or empty tombs ... with resuscitated bodies that appear and disappear or that finally exit this world in a heavenly ascension".

In Resurrection: Myth or Reality? (HarperCollins), he says that Christians who believe literally "will learn that any god who can be killed ought to be killed". He condemns traditionalism as "the dead faith of living people who fear that if any jot or tittle changes; the whole enterprise will crumble".

Bishop Spong once ordained two homosexual priests. In London recently he gave the address at a service to bless gay couples and to launch a homosexual prayer book.

He has suggested the Virgin Birth might be a church cover-up for the rape of Mary, that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and that the marriage feast at Cana must have been Jesus' own.

Judge attacks college for delay over date-rape case

By John O'Leary and Kate Alderson

A JUDGE yesterday criticised King's College, London, for not immediately referring a date-rape case to police but cleared it of trying to cover up the allegations.

Austen Donnellan was accused of raping a fellow student, known as Miss X, after a drunken party in a hall of residence. He was acquitted last October in the trial that he had demanded in preference to college disciplinary proceedings.

At the trial, Judge Grigson criticised the college authorities over the three-month delay in involving the police. He described a proposed agreement drawn up by the college not to go to the police as "extraordinary".

Yesterday Judge Marcus Edwards, who was called in by the college when the trial ended, said in a 50-page report that the college should refer all criminal matters to the police, except in trivial cases. "In the Donnellan case the college ought at a very early stage to have refused to act upon Miss X's allegations until it had been referred to the police and disposed of through the criminal law."

Judge Edwards found that other criticisms of the college were unjustified. Although some mistakes were made, the college had acted properly and had not attempted to cover up the allegations or put pressure on Mr Donnellan to waive his rights.

Judge Edwards interviewed Mr Donnellan and his accuser in the course of a two-month enquiry. The report found that the delay in involving the police was largely due to Miss X's reluctance to press criminal charges, despite repeated requests from the college authorities. Sir James Spooner, the chairman of the college council, said that with hindsight the college should have overruled her.

Judge Edwards dismissed suggestions that Mr Donnellan had been put under pressure to admit a less serious disciplinary charge to keep the case out of the courts. There was no suggestion that a "deal, proper or improper" was put to Mr Donnellan, although there had been discussion of a lesser charge. The judge added: "Plea-bargaining is not necessarily wrong, if carried out in the proper way."



Donnellan: interviewed for judge's report

At a press conference, Judge Edwards said that issues of student discipline were complex and difficult. Students often came from sheltered backgrounds and London could offer "overwhelming temptations".

Professor Arthur Lucas, the college principal, said that disciplinary procedures would be reviewed as a result of the report but changes would not be rushed through. Michael Fisher, Mr Donnellan's solicitor, said the report vindicated his client's insistence on a trial and made it less likely that such cases would occur in future. Mr Donnellan, who had been sent an advance copy, agreed that the college had erred in refusing to call in the police initially.

Mr Donnellan considered emigrating to Australia last year after his acquittal but remained in England to rebuild his life. He has returned to the London house he shared as a student.

Irene Donnellan, his mother, said yesterday from her home in Croxteth, Liverpool, that her son had decided to "get on with his life the best way he could". She said: "He is delighted and relieved with the conclusions of the review. Of course I am too. We both feel the judge has been very fair and Austen wants his case to stand as a warning to others who may find themselves in a similar situation. If this review and the lessons from it can help anyone, then he will be pleased."

Since the case he had accidentally met Miss X. "He called me shortly after the incident. I think it unsettled him a little."

Mr Donnellan's life has changed in surprising ways, his mother said. "When he applies for a job some application forms ask if you have ever been charged with a criminal offence.

"He has to say 'yes', of course, and you wonder what potential employers think of that, even though he was not guilty. He had never had a brush with the law before that and so he finds that aspect of life difficult to cope with."

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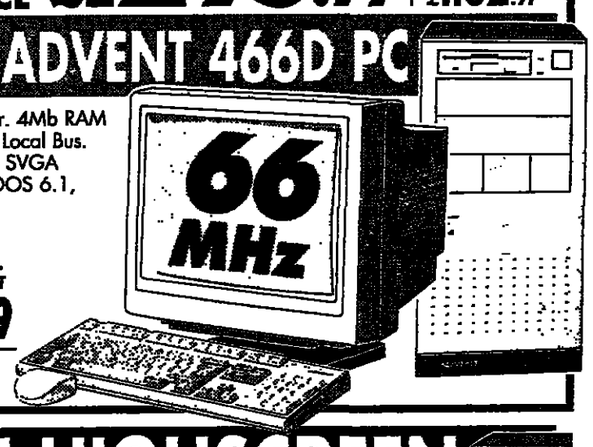
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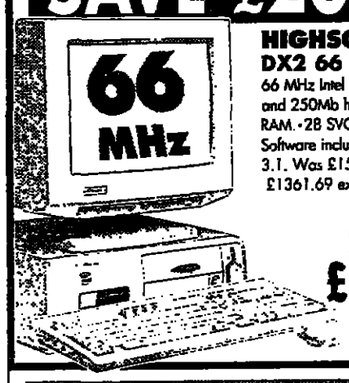
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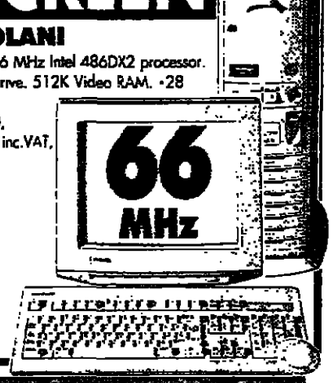
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More parents shun state schools for private sector

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MORE parents are turning to independent schools because they are dissatisfied with state education, in spite of sweeping government reforms, according to a survey yesterday.

One in four parents with children entering private schools is frustrated by low standards in the state sector, compared with one in five in a similar 1989 study. The period has been marked by turmoil surrounding the introduction of the National Curriculum and testing in state schools.

Independent schools, whose fees have increased by more than half in four years, are increasingly the preserve of the wealthy, the survey by MORI shows.

The proportion of private pupils from families earning more than £40,000 annually has doubled to 54 per cent, while those with parents receiving less than £20,000 has dropped almost one third to 14 per cent.

The finding highlights the impact of the recession, which has slowed the steady growth of independent schools since the early 1980s. Pupil numbers have fallen slightly in the past two years to just over 597,000, but remain higher than in 1989. The success of day schools has compensated for a sharp decline in boarding.

The survey shows that the recession has encouraged parents to shop around, visiting more schools and referring to more prospectuses. At least half of parents who went private considered a state school first.

Discipline and small classes continue to be the main attractions, according to the survey of 940 parents with children at 72 schools commissioned by the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS). The pupil-teacher ratio in state schools is about 1:17, compared with 1:10 in independent schools.

Examination results are very important to most parents but few are worried about school league tables.

The survey shows parents are satisfied with their choice of private school, although a minority feels that there should be a mixture of pupils from all social backgrounds.

David Woodhead, national director of ISIS, said although independents schools were pleased to have their attractions endorsed, they were "concerned to see further evidence of declining parental confidence in state schools after years of reforms which were supposed to boost it".

He said the recession had squeezed out some lower-income families from private schools. "But parental dissatisfaction with the state system is now an even greater spur to seeking, and making sacrifices for, an independent education."

Mr Woodhead argued that independent schools were not a "no-go area for those outside a self-perpetuating" upper class. The survey found parents of 54 per cent of pupils entering independent schools were themselves not privately educated, up almost one third on 1989.

Tim Burns, deputy managing director of MORI, said it was clerical workers, middle managers and beneficiaries of the boom years of the mid-1980s who could no longer easily afford school fees.

He highlighted the increasing number of parents who "mixed and matched" by switching their children between the state and independent sectors. This reflected declining parental confidence in state schools and the growth of preparatory schools.

Patten faces resistance to elite A level

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers yesterday condemned government plans to introduce a more demanding "starred" A-level grade to challenge high-flyers.

The National Association of Head Teachers said the first significant change to the examination in 30 years would cause confusion and encourage pupils to narrow their studies as they concentrated on pursuit of the new grade.

John Patten, the Education Secretary, announced the plan in November as a way to reward pupils of exceptional ability. However, he faces considerable opposition, including from many head teachers at independent schools.

The proportion of pupils who gain the top grade at A level has doubled over the past 20 years to almost 14 per cent. There are wide variations in the percentages of pupils gaining top grades under different boards.

David Hart, the association's general secretary, said allegations of a fall in standards at A level had no justification. "The existing A-level scale offers sufficient reward for those candidates who do exceptionally well and gives employers, higher education and other users of results sufficient guidance to identify the highest-achieving candidates," he said.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer duel

TIMES reader Steven Carr, a strong county player, has sent me the following fascinating tactical duel. The MCHESS Pro has performed well in several of the world micro-computer chess championships.

White: S Carr
Black: MCHESS Pro
Birkenhead, 1993

Goring Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	exd4
4	c3	d5
5	exd5	Qxd5
6	cxd4	Bg4
7	Be2	0-0-0
8	Nc3	Qd7
9	Be3	Bxf3
10	Bxf3	Nxd4
11	0-0	Nf6
12	Bxd4	Qxd4
13	Qb3	c6
14	Qxf7	Qd7
15	Qb3	Re8
16	Rac1	Qe6
17	Qa4	Kb8
18	Ne2	Qe5
19	Rxc6	Bd6
20	Ng3	Nd5
21	Qb5	Ne3
22	Rc5	Qe7
23	Nf5	a6
24	Nxe7	axb5
25	Rxb5	Bxh2+
26	Kh1	Nxf1
27	Rxb7+	Ka8
28	Rd7+	Kb8
29	Rb7+	Ka8
30	Rb4+	Ka7
31	Nc6+	Ka6
32	Nd4	Re7
33	g3	Rf8
34	Kg2	Bxg3
35	Kxf1	Bh4
36	Be2+	Rxe2
37	Nxe2	Rxf2+
38	Kg1	Rxe2
39	Rxh4	h6
40	Rg4	g5
41	Rg2	Draw agreed

Diagram for position after Black's 27th move



Youth triumphs Down Under

Continuing the theme of recent junior successes, 17-year-old John-Paul Wallace has won the Australian Championship in Melbourne with a score of 8.5/11. He thus becomes the youngest player to win the championship, beating the record set by John Purdy in the 1950s who won the title at the age of 19.

Times schools championship

A remarkable record has been set by St Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary School, Colchester. Their school chess team has won through to the zone final of this year's Times British Schools Chess Championship. En route the team has beaten one comprehensive school and three grammar schools. This is the first time in the 36-year history of the competition that a primary school team has advanced so far.

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Prince flies home with shiny new image and swipe at the media


The Prince tees off at a school sports day

A change of pace awaits the Prince of Wales after his successful tour of Australia and New Zealand — a skiing holiday with his sons. ***Alan Hamilton*** *writes*

The Prince of Wales flew home last night after a 17-day tour of Australia and New Zealand that has been an unqualified public relations success. His image, which a year ago was looking distinctly tarnished, has been noticeably polished.

He climbed aboard an Air New Zealand scheduled flight for London at the end of a five-day visit, his first for 11 years, during which he was well received in a country where republicanism is still far from being as developed a movement as it is in Australia. Crowds were generally smaller than might have been expected but the occasional demonstrators who tried to draw attention to the need to abandon the crown were dismissed as eccentric.

The Prince's performance during a programme that involved almost 20,000 miles in the air and 100 engagements in 17 days, has established him as a capable solo performer who looked unquestionably relaxed without his estranged wife stealing the attention. However, he had the last word in an interview with Radio New Zealand just before he left. In an attack on the media in which he sounded distinctly irritable, he responded to a question about whether the shooting incident in Sydney and the attempted air-freshener attack in Auckland had improved his image.

"Why do you listen to all this rubbish that these people say?" he asked his interviewer. "These incidents happen. It is not done for my image, for goodness sake. You all believe what each other say. It is quite incredible. You all have to get some angle on something all the time, rather than just treating something as part of life. I do see, if you are trying to produce a rolling news programme 24 hours every damned day, you have to try and think of something to make the news more exciting."

Commander Richard Aylard, the Prince's private secretary, said at the end of the visit that the Prince was tired but felt he had achieved his aim of meeting large numbers of people. He had particularly enjoyed the informality of the New Zealanders.

The highlight of the Prince's last day was an audience with the other queen of New Zealand. Unfortunately, what they talked about cannot be reported. Queen Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu has her official residence at Turangawaewae, near Hamilton. When *The Times* approached the queen and asked respectfully what she and the Prince had discussed during their half-hour meeting, several bodyguards, the size of the All Blacks' front row, stepped smartly between monarch and reporter and hustled him out of the way. "You must not speak to the queen," they said firmly.

An aide intervened: "It is just like your queen and Mr Major. When our queen gives an audience, it is absolutely private. No one else was present. You must not ask."

What can be reported is that Dame Te Atairangikaahu, was wearing a turquoise dress, no crown, and carrying as her only item of regalia a raffia fan. She is Queen of New Zealand's 500,000 Maoris and the figurehead of Maori culture.

It may be safely guessed that she and the Prince discussed the health of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, now reportedly improved after her New Year chest cold. In a speech to a gathering of Maori tribal elders, dancers and school children before his audience, the Prince, knowing how the Maori race revers ancestry, family and roots, referred to his grandmother as "one of the most wonderful and remarkable people in the world".

He recalled how she and King George VI had visited New Zealand in 1927, taking five weeks to travel by ship and enduring an on-board fire on the way. He then drifted off at a philosophical tangent praising the Maori "for the way you invest the world around you with its sacred element". They were the custodians of wisdom, who understood the need for a balance between man and his environment. The elders murmured approval.

In a change of pace, the Prince will take his sons Prince William and Prince Harry on a skiing holiday to Switzerland next week. The only common factor with New Zealand will be the massed presence of the media, annoying him as much as ever.

MoD under fire for assault on heritage

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Ministry of Defence was accused yesterday of behaving irresponsibly over the maintenance and disposal of historic buildings no longer required for military use.

Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, told the Commons national heritage committee that up to a thousand buildings had been or would soon be vacated, among them some of the finest in the country's history. Many were in appalling condition and were being "dumped" by the Ministry, frequently in poor areas where the defence industry had previously been the main employer.

A visit to Woolwich Arsenal in southeast London, for example, was one of the most depressing journeys in Britain, Mr Stevens said. At one time the arsenal employed about 90,000 people but male unemployment in the area was currently 67 per cent.

"The MoD does not abide by the rules which apply to other owners and they have to be constantly reminded of their duties," he said.

Asked by James Callaghan, Labour MP for Heywood and Middleton, about two derelict buildings at Hendon aerodrome, northwest London, which the Royal Air Force Museum wants to acquire, Mr Stevens said it was "disgraceful" that the Ministry should be insisting on selling the site to a developer.

He was "surprised and astonished" that the Ministry should have applied to demolish two listed buildings at the historic home of British aviation. It should halt its application until a full report had been prepared.

A survey in 1992 had shown that up to 2,000 grade-1 listed buildings alone were at risk. "A large number of them will fall down unless we help them," Mr Stevens said.

Gummer demands new standards of excellence for shopping sites

'Ugly' superstore is banned from centre of medieval town

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

■ **Retail giants barred from developing out-of-town sites will find tougher criteria awaiting their blueprints for the high street**

THE blueprint for a superstore in the centre of a medieval town has been rejected by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

The store was intended to replace a crumbling cattle market at Ludlow. Mr Gummer has already refused plans for a superstore on the outskirts of the Shropshire town, as part of a national campaign to curb the car and rescue city centres. The town-centre design has been rejected on the ground of taste.

"This very special historic town deserves a better quality of design. We must look for a building that we will be happy to live with for a long time — a building that would raise the level of design in this sensitive area," he said.

In a speech to the Royal Town Planning Institute this month, Mr Gummer made clear that new standards of excellence would be required inside towns. He chided planners for lacking courage and imagination. The Ludlow decision, it was plain, would not be his last. Whether retailers, under threat from low-cost American "warehouse" clubs and falling profits, will be able to pay for such excellence without putting up prices remains to be seen.

Mr Gummer disliked the proposed store's flat roof and bulk. He also wants a façade, part of which is believed to have been blasted away by a mortar in the Civil War, restored to screen a car park. His decision, requiring the developers to furnish a more sympathetic design, has caused a mixture of jubilation and dismay among Ludlow's 9,000 citizens.

John Uffold, a partner of the cattle auctioneers McCartneys, which owns the land, said: "We find a good developer who is not a cowboy and put together a sound planning team, and then it all gets refused, after extensive local consultation, on its design ... we have played the game."

He said the company needed to sell the site to finance a move to a new cattle market on the outskirts of town that could cope with the volume of trade and big lorries. He would not say how much four years' work had cost the firm but the sum is believed to be £1 million.

James Caird, planning director of Shropshire District Council, which backs the scheme, believes the decision leaves Ludlow shopping centre like a soccer team without a striker.

The cobbled high street and alleys that thread the town are full of charming bakeries, florists and gift shops, which in the summer draw in tourists from as far afield as France and Japan. But overall trade is declining as Shropshire shoppers flock to supermarkets near towns such as Leominster, Hereford and Shrewsbury. One local observed: "Mr Gummer appears to be shutting the shop door after the supermarket trolley has bolted."

Mr Caird says the rejected design was not perfect but could have enhanced the market area. The store would have replaced corrugated cattle sheds and a maze of metal pens more rust than rustic. The planning inspector who originally approved the scheme described the site as an eyesore.

Critics of the scheme believe Mr Gummer's rejection of the design has effectively killed off the store. Stanley Jones, a councillor and local wholefood retailer, said: "It has been the saving of Ludlow and its unique character."

He believes the town should play to its strengths rather than compete with nearby towns.

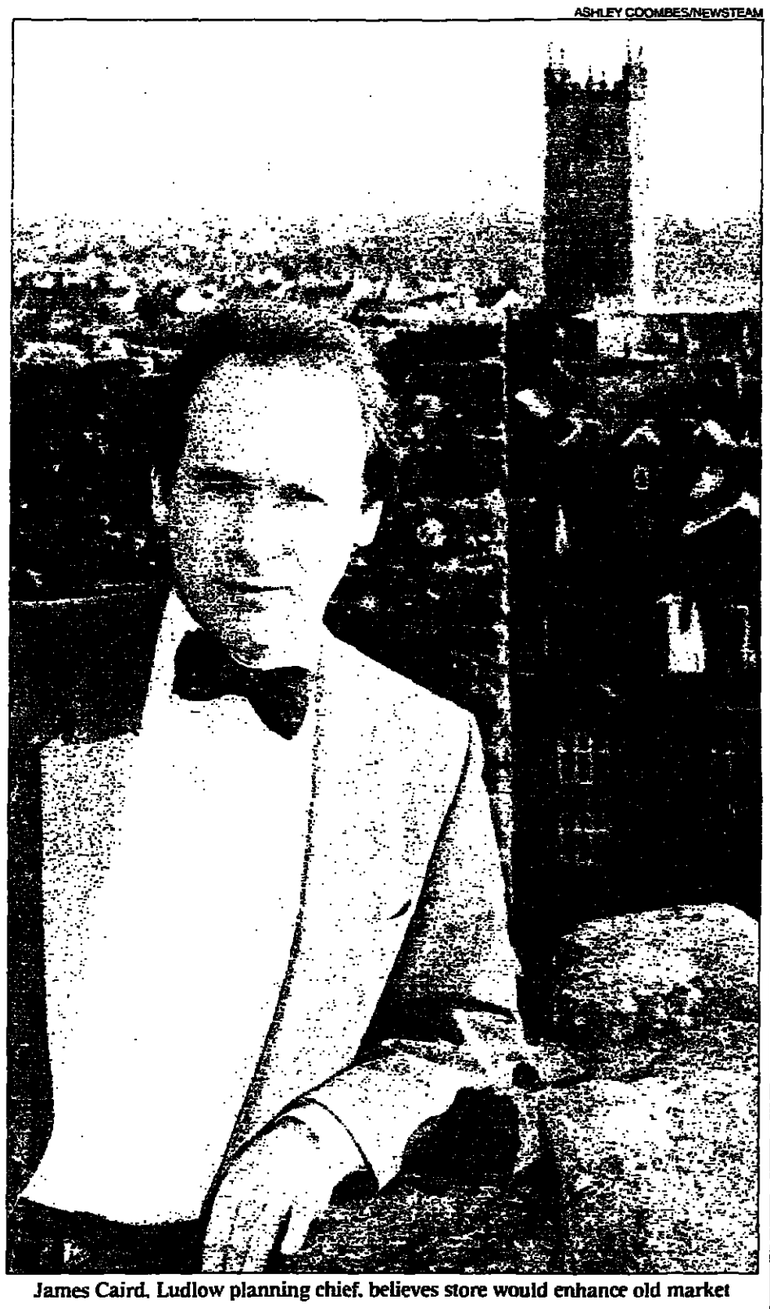
Elizabeth Powell, the town clerk and a member of Ludlow Town Council, said she believed the store would have led to shops being boarded up in the historic part of the town.

Losing the cattle market would also take away trade from farmers and deprive Ludlow of one of its charms, she said. "There has been too much sanitisation in some market towns," she said.

But Paul Carmichael, a computer programmer, said the critics were trying to pickle Ludlow in aspic for the rich.

"A lot of people around here are on very low wages of £100 a week, yet the cost of living is very high. The service in some of the shops can also be dreadful. A big supermarket might have changed this," he said.

ASHLEY COOMBES/NEWSTEAM


James Caird, Ludlow planning chief, believes store would enhance old market

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wales hit by dawn tremors

A tremor measuring 3 on the Richter scale was felt in parts of North Wales just after 5am yesterday. The recent Californian earthquake was as high as 6.8, experts say.

The epicentre appeared to be about three miles southwest of Bangor, according to Dr Chris Browitt, head of the British Geological Survey at Edinburgh.

Hundreds of people between Holyhead in the north and Blaenau Ffestiniog in the south, including Bangor and Caernarvon, were awoken by the vibration and police received calls from anxious families. Some people reported having heard a bang. There is a geological fault in the Menai Strait area.

Two die in cottage fire

Rosemary Ailles, 51, and Jason Williams, 4, her grandson, died yesterday in a fire at a family's farm cottage in Hildenborough, Kent.

The boy's uncle Brian leapt from a first-floor window and he and Adrian Standing, a neighbour, rescued Jason's mother, Marjorie, Sarah, his four-year-old sister, and three other adults including his grandfather. They were all taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke.

Zoo closes

Cash problems have forced the closure of Poole Zoo in Dorset. More than 80 per cent of the animals have already been moved. The zoo was criticised in 1982 for allegedly keeping animals in cramped conditions.

Man burnt

A man aged 48, who has not been named, is in hospital with severe burns after apparently setting fire to himself after a dispute with his wife. He was found by police in his car in Woburn Sands, near Milton Keynes, on Wednesday night.

Clean sweep

Norman Welsh, 75, a former roadsweeper of Axminster, Devon, who was made an MBE in the New Year honours for his charitable work, is appealing for a morning suit to wear to Buckingham Palace to receive his award.

Silent nights

A man arrested in Caerphilly in December for damaging a car is refusing to disclose his name and address, police said yesterday. He spent Christmas on remand at Swansea prison and has been there ever since.

Grave patrol

A private security firm may be hired to guard cemeteries in Dover. There have been attempted thefts of jewellery in a crypt and family vault and headstones have been pushed over.

Flying colours

Angela Stubbs, 22, a bus driver of Upminster, Essex, has become the 250,000th person to pass the advanced motorist's test. She is now taking flying lessons.

Boiling passion for shellfish

WEEKEND SHOPPING

WITH St Valentine's Day on Monday and Pancake Day on Tuesday, fruiterers are looking forward to busy trade in passion fruit for the former, from Kenya and Zimbabwe at 20p to 35p each, and in lemons for the latter, from Cyprus, Spain or Turkey at 9p to 20p each depending on size.

Many stores offer Valentine specials and reductions on pancake ingredients but only Asda has marked Chinese New Year, which is also celebrated this weekend, with reductions on spring rolls, noodles, stir-fry vegetables and soy sauce.

The best fruit buy of the week is Florida Ruby Red grapefruit, now in its peak season. Thin-skinned, juicy and near-seedless, they are selling at 35p to 48p apiece.

Broccoli is also at the height of its season from Spain and France, and widely available from 58p to £1.20 a pound.

Oysters, which have long enjoyed a reputation as an aid to the amorous, are plentiful with prices starting from £2.40 for a half-dozen up to £4.50 for the largest. Other seductive shellfish on offer include large scallops from 70p each, lobsters at £8 a lb and small whole crabs from £2 a lb.

There are abundant supplies of oil-rich fish, with sprats unusually good so late in the season at only 75p a lb, and the selection and quality of white fish is better than it has been for weeks. Large cod fillets in fine condition are selling from £3.20 a lb; excellent whiting is £1.50 a lb and haddock is good at £3.20, but a shortage has pushed the price of huss up to around £3.40 and there are rather short supplies of lemon soles (from £4.75 a lb), plaice (from £1.75 a lb) and skate at about £3.50.

British pork is the value-for-money meat of the week, with a good selection of cuts on special offer.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: unsmoked middle bacon 99p a lb; pork sausages 69p for 12oz; cod steaks £2.29 a lb; Suntina mandarins 99p for 2lbs.

Budgens: Homepride Yorkshire pudding and batter mix 22p for 127g; Jif lemon juice 55ml 29p; Whitworth's castor sugar 79p 1kg; 1lb tin Lyle's Golden Syrup, 59p.

Co-op: British topside/silverside beef with added fat £2.19 a lb; fresh chicken £3.99 a lb; honey roast ham 79p for 113g.

Gateway: new potatoes sold loose 16p a lb; courgettes 65p a lb; pineapples 69p each; whole fresh rainbow trout £1.99 a lb; fresh British pork boneless leg joint 99p per lb; fresh British beef fillet steak £6.48 per lb.

Harrods: boneless Finnan oak-smoked haddock £3.50 a lb; juniper ham £2.90 a ¼lb; heart-shaped Rollot or Coeur Fleurier cheeses £2.95 each.

Iceland: minced steak £2.99 for 2lb 12oz; garden peas 99p for 4lb; Fruits of the Forest or Mandarin Orange cheesecakes 99p.

Safeway: rump steak £2.98 a lb; Sirloin or porterhouse steak £3.98 a lb; Valentine's bouquet £4.99; large yellow honeydew melons £1.29 each; hot cross buns 59p for six.

Sainsbury's: lemons 9p each; kg castor sugar 75p; heart-shaped 230g box JS Belgian chocolates £4.15; Jane Asher Valentine's Teddy gift cake £4.25.

Tesco: half leg of lamb £2.49 a lb; 12oz diced venison £2.49, diced veal £3.99 a lb; whole salmon £2.18 a lb; haddock fillet £2.28 a lb; loose tomatoes 45p a lb.

Waitrose: farmhouse pork spare-ribs 99p a lb; Scotch beef ground steak £1.89 a lb; New Zealand green mussels £1.29 a lb; kiwi 10p each; Waitrose fruit bio yogurt 4 x 150g £1.09.

Home-buyers right to fear whiz-kids

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE popular perception of ill-trained estate agents with no professional qualifications and "white-socked whiz-kids" is confirmed today in the first wide-reaching survey of the industry, funded by the Employment Department.

Only 17 per cent of negotiators and 34 per cent of branch managers have any qualifications from the Residential Estate Agency Training and Education Association. In 1992, Reatea launched its National Vocational Qualification for estate agents with the City and Guilds Institute.

The business also suffers from turnover of 35 per cent a year on average. Milly Broughton of Reatea said: "Despite the hard lessons of the collapse of the property market and the advent of the Property Misdescriptions Act, estate agents still have a long way to go in gaining industry qualifications."

Many estate agents were keen to eliminate all traces of "white-socked whiz-kids" from the industry, the survey found. But some remained sceptical. One agent said: "In the past 30 years I've sold thousands of houses. Nobody ever asked me if I was qualified to do it, and the business has prospered. Why do I need qualifications?"

The survey found that vacancies tended to be filled by inexperienced recruits, with smaller firms employing the least experienced staff. The proportion of qualified staff was lowest in the North and highest in the South West.

The National Association of Estate Agents has long campaigned for more qualifications for agents. Despite the Reatea qualification, anyone can open up an estate agency without qualifications or experience. Many blame the lack of training for estate agents' poor image.

The survey also found that agents anticipate 5 per cent employment growth in the next 12 months ahead of a market upturn.

Rock-bolting not to blame for collapse

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE controversial rock-bolting system was not to blame for a tunnel roof collapse at Bilsthorpe colliery in Nottinghamshire last August in which three miners died, according to a report released yesterday.

However investigators recommended that the practice of "skin-to-skin" working, where two tunnels are driven alongside each another, be discontinued.

David Eves, deputy director general of the Health and Safety Executive, said: "The accident has taught us that we just don't know enough about the potential for movement in the upper strata when roadways are being driven in the 'skin-to-skin' mode. That was not apparent to anyone concerned before the accident."

The report by HSE investigators suggests that rock-bolts, driven into strata to support the roof instead of conventional prop supports, may even have helped some men to escape. It found the fall was caused by movement of rock in abandoned workings near by, probably triggered by a high rate of advance in the tunnel.

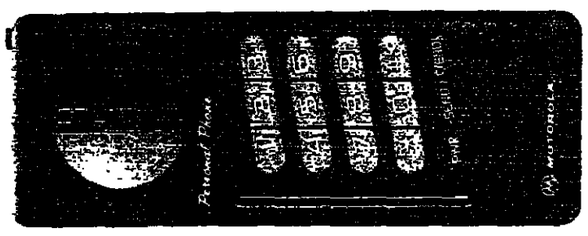
Bilsthorpe was one of twelve mines on a market-testing list when the cave-in occurred. There were allegations that managers were pushing ahead too quickly on work to open up new coal faces to keep the pit viable.

The report said the roof-fall was in a roadway being driven through coal in the "skin-to-skin" method.

British Coal welcomed the report's findings and said the strata failure at Bilsthorpe was caused by a "rare combination of factors". A spokesman said: "For many years British Coal has driven similar roadways at collieries, particularly in the Midlands, without major incident. All such developments have now been stopped."

The men who died were David Shelton, 31, Bill McCulloch, 26, and Peter Alcock, 50.

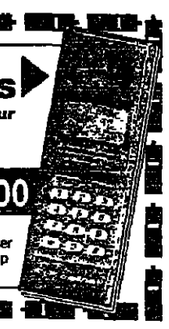
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Health service blueprint threatens to alienate middle-class voters

Labour pledges to phase out private medicine in NHS

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR heralded a big clampdown on private medicine yesterday as it unveiled its blueprint for reforming the National Health Service.

A future Labour government would phase out private beds in NHS hospitals, abolish tax relief on private health insurance and impose a levy for private treatment. It will also attempt to restrict private work done by consultants, according to the party's new health policy document.

The move appears to be contrary to the party's current courtship of the private sector and could alienate the middle-class voters whom Labour is anxious to attract.

The report, Health 2000, launched by David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, again fudges Labour's stand on the NHS reforms while accepting that the market structure will remain. It calls for GP fundholding to be abolished and replaced with joint commissioning bodies. But it suggests that NHS trusts should remain, albeit with a "friendlier" name. Trust boards, now containing businessmen and government appointees, would be disbanded and replaced with locally elected members.

The report steers clear of specific spending pledges, although some of its plans would need more resources. However, the report emphasises that money should be released through greater efficiency in the health service.

Health analysts yesterday said that the decision to restrict private health care heralded a return to the 1970s, when Barbara Castle initiated a row about phasing out pay beds. Although Labour retained the policy during the early 1980s, the pay beds were not even mentioned in the 1992 health policy document on which Labour fought the general election.

The new report says that as a "preliminary step to phasing out private provision from NHS facilities, Labour would restrict the number of private beds which could be made available for treatment so that NHS patients would not face needlessly long waiting times". It points out that at present there is no restriction on the amount of private work which trusts can take on. One official argued that NHS patients often had to wait in hospital corridors when private beds lay empty in the same hospital.

More controversially, the report suggests that NHS hospitals could impose extra levies on private treatment carried out on their premises. These could be charged to private health insurance companies but would inevitably be passed on in higher premiums to the six million people with insurance.

"Labour will seek to ensure that the true cost of private practice is fully identified and reimbursed to the NHS. Such costs include not only the direct use of facilities through private practice — equipment, staff and services — but the skills and experience gained through training and employment within the NHS."

The report has shifted from the 1992 document on its approach to the health service reforms. The present purchaser-provider split will remain, but annual contracts between health authorities and hospitals would be replaced by "service agreements" probably lasting three years. The document also proposes bonuses for hospitals that perform well.

It has accepted the need to retain independently managed hospitals given that most big hospitals are now NHS trusts. However it adds: "Under our proposals hospitals and community services would re-adopt friendly and familiar titles which make sense to patients and reflect the commitment of the service to local people rather than to passing market fads."

The paper suggests a number of options to involve local people more closely in an attempt to replace the "existing nepotistic system".

One plan would be to introduce an updated version of the 1974 hospitals boards. It suggests establishing a supervisory health forum, elected from a range of community, voluntary and statutory groups, from which a board or committee would be elected.

It suggests amalgamating district health authorities and family practitioner service authorities and suggests that local councils should have a greater say in health provision.

Other proposals include:

☐ A shake-up in prescription charges to provide free medicines for people with long-term ailments.

☐ A ban on tobacco advertising and the outlawing of smoking in confined public spaces, while all employees would have the right to a smoke-free workplace.

☐ An occupational health policy to tackle the £5 billion annual loss to industry through stress and mental illness.

☐ More money for family planning, better sex education and a national target to reduce the unwanted pregnancies.

Although Labour makes no pledges to restore NHS underfunding, the report points out that Britain spends much less than its European partners on health as a proportion of GDP. A sentence calling for this gap to be narrowed was removed after being opposed by the shadow Treasury team. However, the document says it will consider restoring free dental checks and sight tests.

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Why Matrix Churchill trial went ahead

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CUSTOMS officials pressed ahead with the Matrix Churchill prosecution despite fears in Whitehall that the company had been misled into believing it was acceptable to breach Government guidelines on arms exports to Iraq.

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry yesterday that senior Whitehall officials were anxious that Alan Clark, the former Trade Minister, might have given the company the impression that the guidelines could be ignored.

A Trade Department minute of a meeting between Mr Clark and a group of machine-tool manufacturers in January 1988 did not confirm allegations that Mr Clark had urged the companies to make false statements on export licence applications, "but it could have explained why they walked away with that impression", Sir Robin said.

The prosecution went ahead, however, because Mr Clark insisted that allegations that he had given the companies "a nod and a wink" to make false statements were libellous, and because Sir Brian Unwin, former chairman of the board of Customs and Excise, believed that the false statements were all that mattered, Sir Robin said.

Sir Robin told the enquiry that Mr Clark, when challenged in December 1990, insisted that he advised the manufacturers "to highlight the peaceful use of these weapons" when applying for export licences. Realising his error, Sir Robin blushed deeply and said: "To highlight the peaceful use of these machine tools." Sir Robin was notified by Sir Brian in November 1991 that Mr Clark and Lord Trefgarne, the former Defence Minister, would be called as witnesses at the Old Bailey, regardless of the "potential embarrassment" for the Government.

Senior officials, including Sir Michael Quinlan, the permanent secretary at the Defence Ministry, were worried, however, about the potential consequences of Mr Clark's "idosyncratic behaviour" in court, Sir Robin said.

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Scandals fail to halt gay sex vote

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

UP TO 30 Conservative MPs are expected to vote to lower the age of consent for homosexuals to 16, senior backbenchers predicted last night. The vote has been set for Monday week, in spite of the fears of some MPs that it could damage the Government.

The spate of scandals involving Tory MPs led some to propose that it be put off to later in the year so it could take place in a less excitable atmosphere. But a vote on the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill was inevitable and the Government has decided to stage it swiftly so that the issue can be dealt with.

Changes in attitudes and the lowering of the voting age to 18 have convinced MPs that it is time to vote on whether the legal age of consent for homosexuals should stay at 21 or reduced to 18 or 16.

Most of the Cabinet is expected to support a reduction to 18. But campaigners for a cut to 16 believe they have a chance of success in the way the votes will be taken.

An amendment by Edwina Currie to reduce the age to 16 is expected to be taken first. It is certain to be backed by a large majority of Labour MPs, many Liberal Democrat MPs, and 30 or so Conservatives.

The key will be whether enough Tory MPs inclined to vote for 18 abstain rather than vote against 16. If the vote to reduce the age to 16 fails, most MPs expect the vote on 18 to succeed, in spite of threats by Tory rightwingers that they will try to scupper the whole Bill if that occurs.

Party puts Gould under pressure to hasten departure

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Labour leadership is putting pressure on Bryan Gould to resign as an MP as soon as possible so that the Dagenham by-election can be fought on May 5.

On Wednesday Mr Gould surprised and angered many of his colleagues by announcing that he intended to resign on September 1 to take up an academic post in New Zealand.

David Blunkett, the party chairman, is now expected to ask Mr Gould to step down immediately so that the party can hold its three forthcoming by-elections on May 5, the day of the local government elections.

Sources close to the leadership argue that the party would save itself unnecessary expense by holding the Dagenham by-election on the same day as that in the neighbouring Barking constituency, prompted by the death of the Labour MP Jo Richardson.

The same campaign material could be used and staff could be effectively deployed to fight both elections. Sources also fear that if Mr Gould insists on delaying his departure his seat could be under threat. Although Mr Gould is well-liked in his constituency, voters could feel betrayed by his decision to quit politics altogether to go abroad.

Mr Gould was also being advised by his friends to think of the party rather than his own position. Peter Hain, MP for Neath, who is one of his closest colleagues, is said to have written to Mr Gould telling him to go earlier rather than later.

The Labour leadership is also keen to prevent Mr Gould continuing to attack the party from the sidelines until his departure.

Yesterday Mr Gould made it clear that he intended to be a vocal critic of Mr Smith over the next few months.

Within 24 hours of announcing his plans to stand down as an MP, Mr Gould openly criticised Labour's failure to form a distinctive economic policy and aim towards full employment.

Mr Gould demanded that Labour introduce a broad range of initiatives to distinguish itself from the Conservative Party on fundamental economic issues.

He called on John Smith to drag Labour away from "very deeply ingrained" acceptance of a consensus that the rich should be protected.



Gould: sniping from the sidelines

AROUND THE LOBBY

Sunday trade fight resumes

Campaigners opposed to Sunday trading are planning a renewed offensive to rally support in a late effort to defeat the Government's shopping reforms. After the Sunday Trading Bill passed through its Commons committee stages, the Keep Sunday Special group will attempt to force late changes limiting Sunday opening to small shops only.

Labour leaders are likely to unite against the Bill's final stages after the Government refused to bow to pressure to enforce double pay or to allow job applicants the same right as employees to refuse to work on Sundays.

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Today: Private members' legislation: Tobacco Advertising Bill, second reading.
Monday: Various Orders.
Tuesday: Debate on Welsh Revenue Support Grant reports.
Wednesday: Environment questions. Channel Tunnel (Security) Order.
Thursday: Debate on the Royal Navy.
Friday: Chiropractors Bill, second reading. Nursery Education (Assessment of Need) Bill, second reading.
House of Lords
Monday: Intelligence Services Bill, third reading. Debates on Bosnia and the export of landmines.
Tuesday: Malvern Hills Bill, third reading.
Wednesday: Debate on inquisitorial tribunals procedures, vehicle thefts and processing of Jamaican visitors at Gatwick on December 21.
Thursday: Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, third reading.

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Nervous MPs tiptoe into war

"Something must be done" is always a poor basis on which to take military action. It leads to muddled decisions with ill-defined objectives and unforeseen consequences.

Until now, these fears have deterred Nato from making air strikes in Bosnia. The balance has now shifted, but the doubts of many MPs about Wednesday's Nato decision were apparent in the Commons yesterday. Both main parties are divided.

Douglas Hurd himself was unusually tentative, almost agonised, in his discussion of the options. Since last August Britain had been prepared to see air power used, "if necessary and practicable", to back the United Nations, and had discussed the possibility with allies, but had decided against.

What has changed now is not just the angry reaction throughout the world to the horrors in Sarajevo last weekend. As important has been the need to keep in step with other countries, notably America and France. In reply to questions, Mr Hurd acknowledged that it was "a crucial test for the Atlantic alliance", while immediately adding that he could not support a scheme that was fatally flawed. The Foreign Secretary stressed the limited nature of the proposed measures, which were not simply punitive, but were intended to improve the situation in Sarajevo.

On that basis, Mr Hurd had the support of Labour and the Liberal Democrats and most of his own MPs. But there is a mosaic of opinions in the Commons.

Tony Benn's doubts about the risks of the conflict spreading were echoed within a few minutes by John Taylor of the Ulster Unionists. This must be about the only issue on which they agree.

This alliance has in the past included the Tory defence establishment — the knights with close links to the forces, like Sir Nicholas Bonsor and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, who have been highly cautious about military involvement because of the risk to British troops on the ground. Yesterday, Sir Nicholas offered guarded support, but largely to keep Nato together rather than through any enthusiasm for air strikes.

The hawks have ranged from some Labour left-wingers, such as David Winnick and Clare Short; pro-Arab Labour MPs, such as Andrew Faulds; the Liberal Democrats, notably Paddy Ashdown, who has helped to keep the issue in front of the public; and a wide variety of Conservative MPs, including Patrick Cormack and Sir Terence Higgins. Mr Cormack wanted to hear more from Mr Hurd about resolution and less about difficulties.

It was all a world away from the mood of the Commons during either the Falklands or Gulf wars. Only a minority of MPs believe that outside military action can make any difference to the outcome within Bosnia. For most, the proposed measures are a mix of a symbolic gesture, an attempt to prevent the situation becoming even worse and, above all, a desire to avoid an even bigger split within the Nato alliance.

Differences across the Atlantic about the nature of the conflict have undermined any chance of a coherent strategy. Britain and France believe there is a civil war, while the Clinton Administration focuses on Serb aggression against the Bosnian Muslims.

So the Muslims have held out against proposed deals in the hope of an American-inspired lifting of the arms embargo.

The latest Nato measures have as much to do with the politics of Nato as with the military position around Sarajevo. "Maintaining the strength and solidarity of Nato", as Mr Hurd put it, or at least trying to do so, is paramount.

PETER RIDDELL

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Fears of a US-Japan trade war

Clinton takes tough line with Hosokawa

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A TENSE and crucial summit over Japan's reluctance to open its markets to American goods will be held today between President Clinton and Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister.

The two leaders will meet at the White House after a week of increasingly heated rhetoric that has brought the two sides to an impasse and raised fears of a trans-Pacific trade war. At issue is the soaring US-Japanese trade deficit that jumped 20 per cent in Japan's favour last year to nearly $60 billion (£41 billion).

The Americans are taking an exceedingly tough line. They accuse the Japanese of making almost 30 meaningless pledges to open their markets since 1980. This time, they insist, the Japanese must back up their vague promises by setting numerical targets to reduce the trade gap.

As an example of the blunt, bitter talk, Roger Altman, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary, declared: "What we will wait for until hell freezes over is an agreement that there will be measurements." Mr Altman said Japan was out of step with the rest of the industrialised world and its record trade surpluses were draining jobs and growth around the globe.

To emphasise the Americans' resolve, the trade talks were suspended on Tuesday by Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, despite the arrival of an envoy from Mr Hosokawa, who pleaded with Mr Clinton and other US officials to understand the shakiness of his position as Prime Minister. For six months he has been trying to govern with an eight-party coalition that has forced him into a series of embarrassing domestic compromises.

In short, the Japanese government remains opposed to setting specific goals to measure whether they have made progress in opening their markets. The Americans' inflexibility is based on the "framework agreement" they reached with Mr Hosokawa's predecessor, Kiichi Miyazawa, last July. The agreement called for "objective criteria" in measuring progress towards ending the trade imbalance, but the two sides now disagree over what the phrase meant.

The Japanese are now accusing the Americans of asking them to engage in "managed trade" over their private sector. Mr Kantor, meanwhile, gave a barely veiled threat that the Administration would close its markets if unfair Japanese practices persisted.

Should Mr Clinton take this step, he can expect wide support in Congress. The view of many members was summed up by Max Baucus, chairman of a Senate trade committee, who said: "After 20 years of discussions, the straw of inaction is about to break the camel's back."

Accused skater sues for $20m damages

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

TONYA Harding has taken her battle for an Olympic gold medal in figure skating off the ice and into the courts, filing a $20 million (£13.7 million) suit against the United States Olympic Committee to stop it banning her competing over the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

Harding, who won the American figure skating championship last month after her rival was clubbed on the knee during practice, asked a court in Oregon to block a committee meeting at which it will consider dropping her from the US team.



Harding: trying to stop any competition ban

She is seeking $20 million damages from the committee for disrupting her training and giving her inadequate time to prepare her defence against charges that she breached its code of conduct.

Harding, whose former husband, Jeff Gillooly, and bodyguard are among four men charged with planning the attack, denies allegations by both that she was involved. She has not been charged with any offence.

The committee said it had expected Harding to take legal action. Its 11-member board wants her to attend a hearing in Oslo on Tuesday to answer disciplinary charges, which include allegations that she "committed an act, made a statement or engaged in conduct" connected to the Kerrigan attack.

Kerrigan, who was given a place in the American team despite missing the US national championship because of her injury, left for Norway in an upbeat mood. "I just can't wait to get there so I can get going," she said.

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A relaxed Nancy Kerrigan being escorted at Boston's Logan International Airport on her way to the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway

Pundits predict astral future for Sorbonne

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Since French radio gives the day's horoscope along with the daily weather forecast, and the country is home to 10,000 tax-paying clairvoyants, it is only natural that astrology should claim reinstatement at the Sorbonne.

The ancient seat of learning is not quite ready to offer masters degrees in astral analysis, but Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux, chancellor of the Paris universities, has caused a stir by suggesting that college chiefs consider the idea. Nothing proves that modern historians, sociologists or psychologists "have got to the bottom of everything that touches on human behaviour", said the chancellor. She was responding to a campaign led by Elizabeth Teissier, a celebrity astrologer with a big following across Europe, for the reinstatement of *l'art royal des astres* as it was known before it got a bad name after the Renaissance.

The "science" was banished from the Sorbonne in 1666 by Jean-Baptiste Colbert, the statesman and a Virgo who was influenced by Descartes and the New Age thinking of the time.

Now that France seems to be tiring of its three-century love-affair with reason and is glued to broadcasts and books on the mystical, the dark arts have returned to favour. A poll by *Le Monde* found that 38 per cent of citizens regard astrology as a true science and one-third of the working population is estimated to have consulted a seer. *Le Figaro* noted yesterday: "Numerous high-level politicians regularly consult these strange specialists in the future, so why should it be refused entry to the Sorbonne?"

President Mitterrand, a Scorpio, is reported to have encouraged Mme Teissier in her pursuit to reinstate a field long regarded as vital for French rulers. With the forecasts of economists and other experts proving so unreliable, the time may have come for the Fifth Republic (born Libra) to get back to its trusted ancient ways, according to the astrologers.

On the day that the future Louis XIV was born, for example, Cardinal Richelieu obtained a chart predicting the successes of the Sun King from a professor of the Collège de France. Catherine de' Medici was sad, but not sceptical, when Nostradamus, her adviser and the dean of French astrologers, accurately announced his own death in 1566, saying: "Your majesty, I shall not wake up tomorrow." The astrologers say their art is an adjunct to empirical pursuits. "We forget that Newton and Kepler carried on practising astrology" at the same time as their scientific work, says Mme Teissier, 56.



Nostradamus: dean of seers

She cites recent studies that have proven a link between the planetary alignment and character. A survey of the birth signs of 30,000 sportsmen highlighted the influence of Mars, symbol of aggressiveness and competition. A "Jupiter effect", characterised by extroversion, has been shown to be the characteristic of politicians.

She says it will be up to the ministry to decide, but Jean-Pierre Poussou, president of the Sorbonne division of the Paris universities, insists it will be over his dead body.

German 'Aids firm' managers charged

FROM REUTER IN BONN

MANAGERS and scientists from a German pharmaceutical firm shut down last year over an Aids scandal have been charged with failing to protect their blood products from infection, prosecutors said yesterday.

Norbert Weise, the Koblenz prosecutor, said that two managers and three scientists from UB Plasma have been accused of failing to check blood for HIV in an attempt to cut costs.

They were charged with grievous bodily injury in three cases where hospital patients were known to have been infected with HIV. They also face charges of attempted bodily injury over sales of 15 million marks (£5.8 million) worth of potentially infected plasma to hospitals and other pharmaceutical firms from 1987 until last year. If found guilty, they risk prison sentences of up to ten years.

"We have to assume that the responsible parties accepted the infection of their plasma with the Aids or hepatitis virus," the prosecutor said. "We would have preferred to press manslaughter charges," he added, but there was no way of proving that the five employees had been willing to kill anyone, even though Aids is fatal.

The closure of the Koblenz company in a police raid last October sparked a scandal that led to two other German pharmaceutical firms being forced to shut down. The other companies were, like UB Plasma, suspected of failing to screen donors properly and check blood supplies for HIV in order to cut costs.

The health ministry urged millions of Germans who might have received contaminated blood products in hospitals to undergo Aids tests.

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Voters hamstrung by intimidation in South African poll



Majopelo: has withdrawn nomination for election

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Candidates on all sides are threatening to pull out and 14 per cent of voters may be too scared to cast their ballots. Hopes of a free and fair multiracial election are fast diminishing

THREE black National Party supporters in the eastern Transvaal who had been stoned by members of the African National Congress recently welcomed President de Klerk to their squatter camp. The National Party leader, on his second roadshow of the election campaign, was outraged by their story. "This makes nonsense of ANC undertakings against intimidation," he said.

In the run-up to April's multiracial elections, intimidation of political opponents is mushrooming. During recent tours of the Cape and Transvaal, Mr de Klerk has been abused by ANC supporters and several black National Party supporters have been attacked. The party says the ANC has targeted their election offices, threatened party workers and prevented party members from holding meetings.

The National Party is not the only political organisation to encounter intolerance. ANC offices in the Orange Free State have been bombed; the ANC has been prevented from holding meetings in the Bophuthatswana homeland as has the Pan Africanist Congress in parts of the Orange Free State. The Democratic Party says some of its black supporters have declined to stand as candidates for fear of being attacked: Walter Majopelo withdrew his nomination allegedly under intimidation from the ANC. The Azanian People's Organisation has resolved to destroy Democratic Party campaign material used in townships.

In some areas the disruption of party meetings and the destruction of campaign material is overshadowed by political violence. A report last month by the South African Institute of Race Relations, a privately-sponsored group that monitors violence, told of a senior member of an ANC-aligned self-defence unit in Katlehong who boasted of killing his opponents "like chickens" because he saw "no reason for them to live if they don't understand the will of the people". This view is not exceptional.

Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, of the Human Sciences Research Council, estimated last August that 14 per cent of South Africa's voters would not cast their ballot because of the threat of violence. Three months later R. F."Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, said that "unless the level of violence is reduced, it will be very difficult to have a free and fair election".

Despite the warnings little has been done. The Transitional Executive Council is charged with eliminating impediments to legitimate political activity, ending intimidation and enabling parties to canvass in all areas. The council has announced that thousands of international and local election monitors will observe the poll and a 10,000-strong peacekeeping force will patrol the streets. So far neither have been deployed.

The Independent Electoral Commission, the other main body responsible for ensuring the election will be free and fair, has started to flex its muscle. Mr Justice Krigler, the commission's chairman, has said that if the electoral process in particular areas is disrupted "votes from such areas will not be counted". Furthermore, at the end of the three-day poll the commission will decide whether the election should be declared free and fair or void.

Paul Pereira, the public affairs manager at the Institute of Race Relations, is concerned that in some areas fear and intimidation is too firmly entrenched. "The question is can free electioneering take place in enough areas which cover the political spectrum to make the outcome reasonably fair. If the answer is 'yes' we will just have to be satisfied that some areas did not have a democratic election."

☐ **Leader killed:** Sabelo Phama, 45, commander of the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, has been killed in a road accident in Tanzania (Michael Hamlyn writes). Clarence Makwetu, the president of the PAC, said Mr Phama was on his way to meet an Organisation of African Unity delegation in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Mr Makwetu said yesterday: "Death has robbed the Azanian masses of a revolutionary leader at a crucial stage of the struggle." He said the PAC was investigating fears of foul play.

Israelis and PLO vow final push to widen peace deal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday hailed the breakthrough in negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation as a decisive achievement, but issued a warning that at least another month of tough talks lay ahead.

In a cautious welcome, reflecting the general mood of his fellow Israelis and many Palestinians, the Israeli leader said that there were no quick solutions to bring about coexistence and peace between two communities.

"What was signed in Cairo was an important step towards completing the agreement," Mr Rabin said, after he had approved details of the compromise before it was signed in the Egyptian capital by Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. "I predict that at least another month will be necessary in order to finish the details of the agreement to a full accord."

Yassir Abed Rabbo, a leading member of the PLO delegation, flew last night from Egypt to Jordan to brief King Husain. He said before leaving that the 12-page accord had swept away the main obstacles holding up implementation of the declaration of principles signed in Washington last September. "We have resolved the key issues that have delayed the implementation of the self-rule deal," he said. "But this is a partial agreement and a final accord will need a few more weeks to hammer out the remaining details."

Israel released the text of the Cairo agreement, which resolved two of the three thorny issues that have delayed by two months the pullout of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho. The main compromise was the agreement to share control at the two international border crossings from Egypt into Gaza and Jordan into Jericho, where there will be one terminal, split into two wings, one Israeli, the other Palestinian. The two sides also set out future security arrangements for Jewish settlers in Gaza, where three access routes to settlements will remain under Israeli control. Any Israeli military involvement beyond will be co-ordinated by joint patrols with the Palestinian police.

Despite the agreement much negotiating remains, and at least one main stumbling block, the size of the Jericho enclave, has been left for Mr Rabin and Mr Arafat to resolve face to face.

THE ISSUES

Problems now resolved by the PLO and Israel are:
☐ Israel can stop entries at Jordan and Egypt borders; Palestinians to run one of two wings of Jordan crossing and Israel to run Egypt crossing.
☐ Jewish settlements will be in three regions in Gaza, with Israeli army bases.
☐ Limited Israeli right of pursuit.
☐ Palestinians will lead joint patrols in Jericho, and Israelis will lead them in Gaza.
☐ Palestinians to set up Dead Sea resort.
Unresolved problems are:
☐ The Jericho region under Palestinian rule.
☐ Authority in 13 administrative departments.
☐ Palestinian police force.
☐ Palestinian detainees.
☐ A trade agreement.

Israeli and Palestinian teams are expected to reconvene next week in the Egyptian resort of Taba, where the two sides are to negotiate the transfer of authority in 13 of 38 administrative departments now run by the Israeli military. The negotiators will also have to resolve how and when to deploy the first of 15,000 Palestinian police officers, and to finalise details of an amnesty for up to 10,000 Palestinian political prisoners. Seperate talks in Paris will deal with future economic and trade cooperation. Predictably, the compromise reached in Cairo was instantly denounced by hardliners in both communities as a sell-out. Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of the main opposition Likud Party, accused the Israeli government of allowing Palestinians to establish an enclave only minutes from Jerusalem that would harbour "thousands of armed terrorists" and lead to the creation of a Palestinian state.

Criticism from Palestinians against the PLO leadership was more widespread in the occupied territories, where even members of Mr Arafat's Fatah faction spoke out against the deal. "With this agreement we did not get 10 per cent of our hopes," Sufian Abu Zeideh, a member of Fatah's ruling committee in Gaza, said.

However, a more worrying show of resistance to compromise was played out on Gaza's streets, where the Islamic Jihad organisation claimed it had kidnapped and murdered an Israeli policeman, who turned out to be a taxi driver. Gunmen also killed a suspected Palestinian collaborator from the sprawling refugee camp of Khan Younis.

President Clinton hailed the Cairo accord as "another big milestone". There was hope among Western embassies that its completion after more than 48 hours of bargaining would help dissipate some of the public's cynicism that has built up over the Israeli-PLO pact.

There was also recognition that Mr Arafat had bowed to the inevitable by conceding ultimate control of the frontiers into Gaza and Jericho to Israel. THe PLO leader, speaking in Cairo, put a brave face on the accord that he confirmed had left some gaps to be filled, including the size of the Jericho area over which the Palestinians will exercise self-rule. After the final accord, thousands of Palestinians are expected to try to move back to Gaza and the West Bank.



Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, signing the accord they reached in Cairo on Palestinian self-rule, as President Mubarak of Egypt looks on. A key stumbling block, the size of the Jericho enclave, has been left to talks next month

Black market thrives as Castro eases currency restrictions

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN HAVANA

AS CUBAN policemen screeched to a halt in their Soviet-made Ladas to arrest several young men selling "illegal oranges" on Virtue Street — a dark, cobbled alley in Old Havana — the black market flourished beyond their control just around the corner. Even the local Communist party informer turned a blind eye.

Women clutching plastic bags peered through colonial pillars along Paseo del Prado, a central tree-lined avenue, touting their wares. Here you can buy just about anything, from aircraft propellers to toilet paper, as long as you have US dollars. "I have Coca-Cola made in the USA, I also sell McDonalds (the Cuban name for every hamburger). But they are made in Cuba," a woman said, quickly opening her bags to passers-by.

Nearby a man whispered the day's dollar rate to the peso. It was barely audible as he mumbled through his thick Havana cigar, but sounded something like "80-1". The rate has rocketed in recent weeks, while the official rate is roughly 1-1.

How goods get onto Havana's black market, despite the American-enforced embargo against the regime of President Castro, nobody wants to explain. Most things come through Panama and other central American countries. Many Cubans know, however, that the only way to combat economic hardship is by having dollars.

Ironically, the currency rate has spiralled out of control since the government made it legal for Cubans to hold dollars last September, rather than regarding it as a punishable offence. "Dollarisation" has been the most radical reform embraced by Dr Castro, mainly to attract desperately needed foreign currency.

The relaxation of currency rules has resulted in a parallel economy. "Most of the dollars are flooding the black market and little is going to the state," Julio Carranza, an economist, said.

"It has become a question of survival because without them you can't buy what you need," Arnaldo Perez, a 25-year-old student, said.

Dr Castro says he is being pressurised into conceding reforms. With the collapse of the Eastern bloc, Cuba has fallen into economic crisis, exacerbated by the 30-year-old American embargo.

Some Cubans are proving to be natural capitalists. "Making money goes against the ideas of the revolution but it's a natural need," one economist said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Berlusconi accepts TV challenge

Rome: Silvio Berlusconi, ae media tycooon, accepted a challenge from Achille cchetto, the leader of the Democratic Party of the Left, he former Communists, to hol a televised debate on the future of Italy before the March 27 election (John Phillips writs).

In a letter to *L'Unità* newspaper, Signor Berlusconi aid his only condition was thathe meeting should not take puce on a left-wing television shw.

Iran amnesty

Nicosia: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leacr, has pardoned and commusd the sentences of 1,503 prisners to mark the 15th anniverary of the country's Islanic revolution. *(Reuter)*

Mother's love

Palmi: Maria Condello tolda court in southern Italy hov she became the mistress ofa rival Mafia chief who murdered her husband to spae her four children from tle same fate. *(Reuter)*

Libyan blamed

Khartoum: A Libyan was among three gunmen who killed 16 worshippers in a machinegun attack on a Khartoum mosque last Friday, tle Sudanese Interior Ministy said. *(AFP)*

Muslims killed

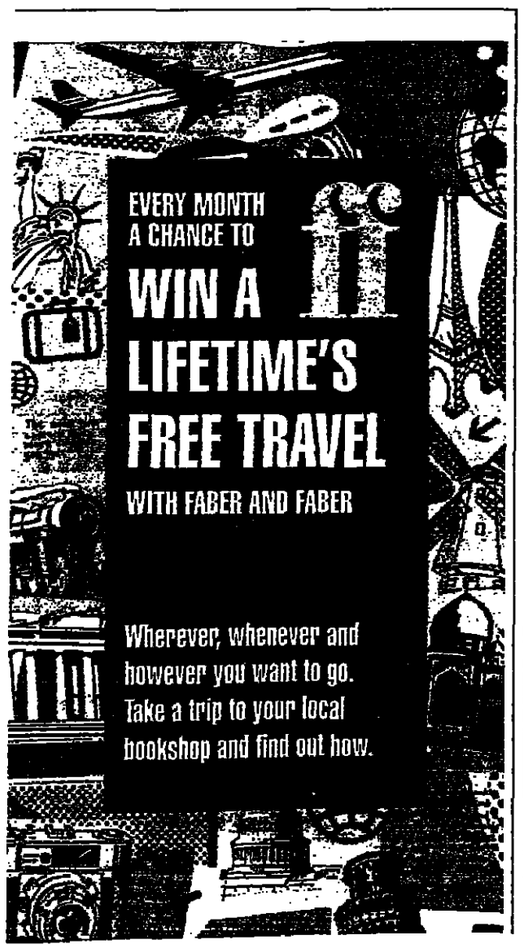
Delhi: A curfew was imposd in Kanpur, northern Inda, when Hindus killed two Muslims in religious rioting afte a leader of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party died in a bomb attack. *(AP)*

Ordeal at sea

Abidjan: Ivory Coast fishermen saved Gilbert Moukila a Congolese, 22 days after te and a Zairean stowaway were put overboard on a raft by te German crew of the *Scepiasa* cargo ship. The Zairean died. *(AP)*

Union arrest

Jakarta: Mochtar Pakpahan, the leader of Indonesia's largest free trade union, was detained for calling a one-hour national strike. *(Reuter)*



Warring Transcaucasian leaders seek British backing

Azerbaijan ready for oil contract with West

BY LOUISE HIDALGO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Aliyev of Azerbaijan believes a long-awaited agreement for British Petroleum and other Western companies to develop the rich offshore oilfields of his former Soviet republic could be achieved within weeks.

Mr Aliyev, who intends to visit London this month or early next, said in Baku, the capital, that he expected an agreement "in principle" on the deal, worth more than $13 billion (£8.7 billion), before then. "The main problems will have been settled by the time I come to Britain, I believe," he said.

Azerbaijan controls three vast Caspian Sea oilfields, with reserves estimated to be almost as large as Kuwait's. The republic's oil was the reason Hitler headed for the Caucasus; now Baku is preparing to be an oil-rush boom town for the second time.

Mr Aliyev's confidence may encounter scepticism at BP which, with Statoil, heads the consortium of eight seeking the right to exploit the oilfields. The company has been seeking a slice of Azerbaijan's prized oil for almost two years. A deal worked out with Abulfez Elchibey, Mr Aliyev's predecessor, was scrapped after his overthrow by a military rebellion last June. Intense renegotiations began, culminating last November in proposals for a production-sharing deal expected to generate $13.5 billion in profits at a production cost of at least $4.8 billion. The consortium has awaited Baku's response since.

Western observers say the deal, vital to the republic's survival, is linked by the Azerbaijanis with a resolution of the bloody conflict over the sovereignty of Nagorno-Karabakh, the enclave within its territory populated mainly by Armenians. The promise of a final settlement comes as the conflict reaches a new intensity.

A massive Azerbaijani offensive, launched more than seven weeks ago in an attempt to regain its position in the undeclared war, has cost thousands of lives in the past month alone. For more than a year, the conflict has gone the Armenians' way and seen a fifth of Azerbaijan's territory occupied and more than half a million people dispossessed.



Mr Aliyev, a former KGB general widely seen as the only man experienced enough to steer Azerbaijan out of its crisis, has staked his survival on ending the war and liberating all the land lost to the Armenians.

The economy of the small Transcaucasian state is in tatters. Despite its oil reserves, Azerbaijan suffers petrol shortages. The annual inflation rate is at more than 1,400 per cent, and the average monthly salary of $15 hardly stretches to a couple of pounds of meat.

"The people of Azerbaijan have realised that they must defend their land themselves," Mr Aliyev said. "The fighting spirit of our nation has been reawakened."

While he insists that his position remains that the conflict can be solved only by peaceful means, he is adamant about what he calls Azerbaijan's right to defend its land. "The United Nations Security Council has adopted four resolutions demanding that the Armenians withdraw from our territory, but not one has been implemented," he said. "Our position is clear: we will only agree to a settlement that ensures the sovereignty of Azerbaijan is maintained."

The President said that 50,000 Azerbaijanis have been chased from the enclave. "Only when the Armenians leave our territory will we negotiate on the status of Nagorno-Karabakh."

In London last night, President Ter-Petrossian of Armenia said he was seeking British diplomatic support for his country in the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute and looking for aid in reopening its nuclear power plant.

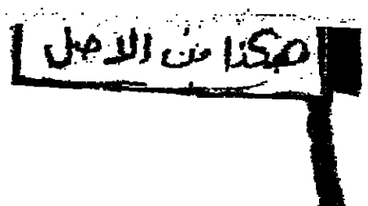
Mr Ter-Petrossian said he had pressed John Major at their meeting to support international efforts, now stalled, to end the fighting in Karabakh through the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Britain is perceived by Armenia to have sided with Azerbaijan in the dispute. Mr Ter-Petrossian did not disclose the Prime Minister's response to his request for help but said Britain's role was important because Mr Major would this month be visiting Moscow, a key player in the region.

Russia has recently floated its own proposals, involving the dispatch of peacekeeping troops. Mr Ter-Petrossian said Armenia, a former Soviet republic that won independence in 1991, believed the conflict could only be solved by compromise but "neither side today is ready for this compromise".

He said Western fears of a newly assertive Russian foreign policy, sparked by the electoral success of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extremist leader, were exaggerated.

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Stretched Western forces seem fated to be sucked deeper into Balkans conflict

Sarajevo peace rests on extra Nato battalions

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

■ Even if fighting is stopped in the Bosnian capital, clashes between the Muslims and Croats in central and southern Bosnia are likely to persist

BRITAIN and other Nato allies seem fated to be sucked further into the Bosnian civil war whether the deal over Sarajevo succeeds or fails.

If the Serbs call Nato's bluff and refuse to withdraw their heavy guns from around the city, air strikes could lead to reprisals on United Nations troops. If the Serbs bow to the ultimatum, there will be an urgent need for more troops to protect not only Sarajevo but also other safe areas that could become the next focus for Nato's tougher stance.

When General Philippe Morillon, the former commander of the United Nations Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, dreamt of demilitarising Sarajevo, he envisaged that once the fighting in the capital stopped, the "goodwill" would spread to other parts of the country. The vision is less realisable today because of increased fighting between the Muslims and Croats in central and southern Bosnia. However, if the Serbs remove their heavy guns from Sarajevo, it will not be long before a similar strategy is demanded for Tuzla, Goradze, Srebrenica and Bihac, the other UN-designated safe areas. Mostar and Maglaj would also expect special protection.

Ceasefires or artillery-free zones in those key locations would require effective UN military supervision. Yesterday Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, did not rule out the deployment of more British troops to Bosnia, but with 2,300 already committed to the humanitarian aid operation the Government will not want to send another infantry battalion unless there is an overall peace settlement.

Unprofor's "Sector Sarajevo" has nearly 3,000 troops, about 2,000 French and 500 each from Egypt and Ukraine. Yesterday French units were spread out at six strategic points around the capital to enforce the ceasefire that began at noon.

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of Unprofor troops in Bosnia, has indicated he will need reinforcements to supervise and control the removal of Serb guns. There are more than 200 artillery nests in the hills above the city.

The 12,000 Unprofor troops in Bosnia are now positioned in at least 15 different places. In some of the locations, there are just handfuls of Unprofor soldiers. For example, a dozen British soldiers have been sent to Zenica to protect aid workers there. In Zepa, eastern Bosnia, there is one company of about 120 Ukrainian troops. Only 100 Canadians are left in Srebrenica, although a Dutch unit of about 200 is due to replace them this month.

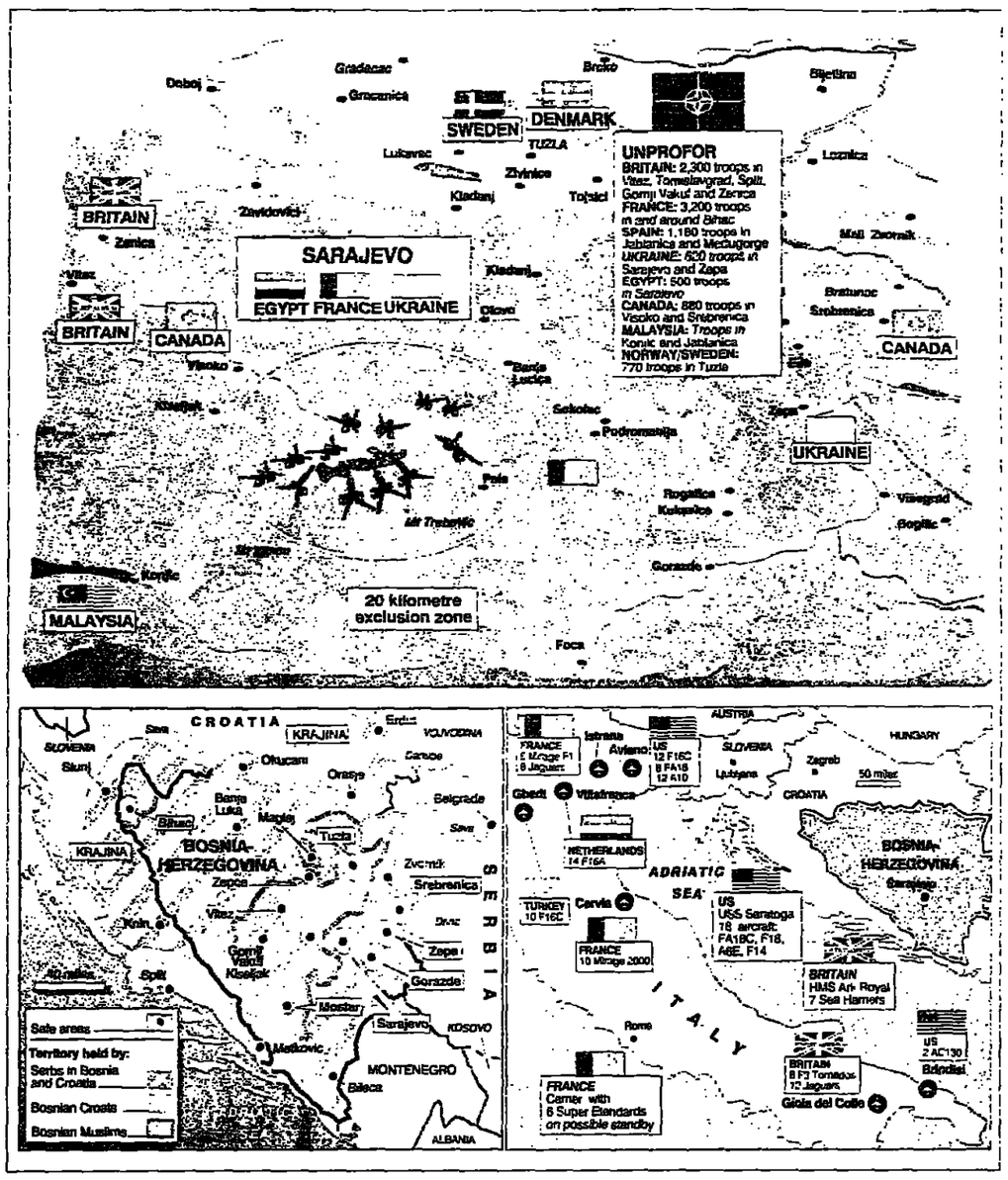
On Mounts Igman and Bjelasnica, two strategic positions overlooking Sarajevo from where the Serbs were forced to withdraw last August after a threat of air strikes, small units of French soldiers guard a perilous peace line.

A Malaysian infantry battalion of about 840 soldiers has been deployed in Konjic and Jablanica. A Jordanian contingent is waiting in Split, Croatia, to go "up country".

There have been no other offers of troops. Britain and France, the largest contributors, expect others to play their part. The 2nd Battalion The Anglian Regiment is training in Germany to replace the Coldstream Guards in May and could be sent earlier.

☐ **Harriers arrive:** An air group of seven Sea Harrier jump-jets landed on *HMS Ark Royal* in the Adriatic yesterday after days of intensive training for action in Bosnia.

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Fighting talk belies artillery mood

From Tim Judah in Pale and Our Foreign Staff

Bosnian Serbs will not bow to pressure from Nato and air strikes around Sarajevo are highly likely, a senior official said last night. Jovan Zametica, spokesman for the Bosnian Serb government, said: "Serb forces will not withdraw as a result of Nato ultimatums. It's not on. We are not going to cave in if Nato aircraft attack. We'll take them out."

Mr Zametica's fighting talk was in marked contrast to the sombre and subdued mood in the gun positions which would be targeted in any Nato air raids. In an interview in Pale, the Bosnian Serb headquarters just outside Sarajevo, Mr Zametica said that Bosnia's Muslim-led government had manoeuvred Nato into a trap. "Every square kilometre of our space is covered by anti-aircraft defences."

Mr Zametica said that the Bosnian Serbs would only withdraw their artillery from around the Bosnian capital "in the context of an agreement on the future status of Sarajevo district". He said that this was under discussion but that it was a complex topic and entailed the demilitarisation of the city. In exchange for withdrawing their artillery the Serbs expected the Bosnian government to confine its troops to barracks. This would prevent them from taking advantage of the withdrawal to break the siege. "This will all take some time to work out," Mr Zametica said, "and Nato has boxed itself into a position." Because they wanted air strikes, Mr Zametica argued, the Muslims will "want to stall the process. There is a high chance of air strikes taking place."

Mr Zametica said that if no deal was reached in the next ten days Nato would have the choice of making good its threat, making a volte-face or, he hoped, "more responsible countries like Russia" would act in the UN Security Council "for this idiotic pressure to be rescinded". Referring to talks taking place in Geneva Mr Zametica said: "It does not help the peace process if you are involved in a hopeful round of talks while you have a gun put to your head."

Pressure on Nato to carry out its threat of air strikes on Bosnian Serbs if necessary mounted last night, with a call from Foreign Ministers from a group of Islamic nations. The ministers, from the Organisation of Islamic Conference, in Jakarta for a separate meeting of non-aligned nations, blamed Serbia for the market massacre last Saturday that killed nearly 70 people. "Something must be done," Aseff Ahmad Ali, Pakistan's Foreign Minister and chairman of the conference group on Bosnia-Herzegovina, told the ministers.

But in Kuala Lumpur, Mahathir Mohamed, the Malysian Prime Minister, said he thought the West will back down from its threats. Dr Mahathir predicted that the United States and its Nato allies will wait until the end of their ultimatum to the Serbs to remove artillery from around Sarajevo and then come up with a reason why strikes were not necessary. "Everybody knows the Americans and Nato will not carry out the air strikes," he said.

Besieged city calm as Rose surveys front line

From Joel Brand
in Sarajevo

LIEUTENANT General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia, crossed a tense Sarajevo front line yesterday on the first, quiet day of a ceasefire.

UN Protection Force troops assumed positions in a number of strategic areas around the city. It was the first move in what may be the opening of new chapter in the 22-month siege.

White armoured UN vehicles with French peacekeepers carefully took up positions in frontline areas just after 1pm. One Bosnian soldier, manning a front in the centre of the city, was unsure of what the UN presence would mean. "I don't know," he said. "After two years, I just don't know."

UN forces, who ordinarily assume a more passive posture, spread out with sniper rifles, machineguns and anti-tank rockets. It was the most assertive moment in the UN's troubled history in the Bosnian war, a conflict where it has often felt powerless to change the course of events and to stop the killing.

The UN deployed 240 peacekeepers yesterday; another 80 men are expected to be put in place tomorrow. They will patrol and monitor the city's most volatile front lines round the clock. Last night will have been a very tense ten hours for the French "blue helmets".

General Rose called yesterday's operation "a good but small first step on the way to a significant improvement in the situation". A meeting is scheduled today between the military leaders of the Bosnian Army, the Bosnian Serbs and the UN, to discuss turning heavy weapons over to UN control.

The city was the quietest it has been in many months following the noon ceasefire agreement. It was too early to call the truce a success, but the relative quiet was marked.

If this latest agreement were to fall by the wayside in a hail of bullets and shells, it will not be the first. Countless ceasefires and other accords have come and gone in Bosnia and in Sarajevo with little tangible effect on the plight of civilians or the level of fighting but this one seems to be different. The combination of a Nato ultimatum to Bosnian Serbs and the determination of General Rose appears to have impressed the combatants, at least temporarily.

Franco-US team seizes initiative

From George Brock in Brussels

THE clock is now ticking: as of midnight last night, Nato's ultimatum designed to remove and silence the guns that have pulverised the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo is pulling the alliance towards its first conflict in its 45 years.

The events that have dragged Nato to this point are reshaping the alliance itself. The 13-hour ambassadors' meeting on Wednesday was dominated by proposals jointly prepared by America and France, which have spent the past four decades at opposite ends of Nato's spectrum, often arguing at the tops of their voices. The new partnership leaves British diplomats adapting reluctantly to agendas set in other capitals.

The appearance of Britain being sidelined by a new and dynamic Franco-American team is partly deceptive. The government in Paris faces a public campaign for action in Bosnia far more potent than anything seen in Britain.

The co-operation this week between Washington and the French Foreign Ministry, under Alain Juppé, looks more like a marriage of convenience than a new axis like the powerful Franco-German link that steers the European Union. Only ten days ago, the State Department had been accusing France of warped morality in its Bosnia policy.


Juppé: fresh French interest in Nato

Nobody who has read Jacques Attali's raving anti-American paranoia in his instant book on how he was expelled from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development by an Anglo-Saxon conspiracy can believe that the French political class looks with real favour on American influence in Europe. Nobody who has listened to French diplomats explain that America is bent on world domination can doubt that fear and resentment of the US remains a profound influence on France's world view.

UN chief will not use veto

From James Bone
in New York

NATO's ultimatum to the Serbs gives the United Nations Secretary-General a veto over air strikes, but he is not expected to block action if the Serbs resume shelling Sarajevo or refuse to withdraw their heavy guns.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN chief, has hardened his position on air strikes in recent weeks as France, his main sponsor at the UN, has taken a more aggressive stance. When he first demanded the final say over air strikes last autumn it was to block air attacks that could disrupt the UN peacekeeping and humanitarian effort in the Balkans.

He now speaks openly of using limited air power as a means of restoring credibility to the faltering UN operation.

Dr Boutros Ghali has the power to stop Nato from initiating air strikes on the advice of his military commanders or Yasushi Akashi, his special representative. For the task of launching retaliatory air strikes against Serb positions that fire on Sarajevo, Dr Boutros Ghali is expected to delegate authority to Mr Akashi, who is based in Zagreb and is in close contact with UN military commanders. But the UN chief is expected to retain the power to approve air strikes launched to enforce the ultimatum to withdraw Serb guns.

Clinton presses Muslims to accept amended plan

From Martin Fletcher in Washington and Anatol Lieven in Moscow

PRESIDENT Clinton, in an important policy reversal, is to press Bosnia's Muslim government to accept an amended peace plan in an attempt to minimise the considerable risks he has taken in backing Nato air strikes against the Serb forces that have been shelling Sarajevo.

Those risks include the real danger of US and other Nato forces being sucked into the Bosnian "quagmire" and of a serious dispute with Russia that would undermine President Yeltsin and play into the hands of ultra-nationalists like Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who consider the Serbs traditional allies.

Mr Yeltsin had worked hard to dissuade Nato from endorsing air strikes, and before now Mr Clinton has done all in his power to boost the embattled Russian leader. But on this occasion the alliance's unity and credibility were at stake. Mr Clinton said he had spent two hours trying to telephone Mr Yeltsin before Nato announced its ultimatum on Wednesday night, but could not get through because of "technical problems".

Mr Clinton said he hoped that when he explained that the ultimatum applied to Muslims as well as Serbs, and that the US would be making vigorous new efforts to reinvigorate the peace process, Mr Yeltsin would "if not agree with our action, at least understand it more".

Russia, however, demanded an emergency UN Security Council meeting and Mr Zhirinovsky swiftly denounced the ultimatum as "a declaration of war on Russia ... the beginning of World War Three".

Before what is widely believed to have been a Serb shell killed 68 Muslims in Sarajevo's central market last Saturday the Administration had refused to get involved in the Geneva peace talks, arguing that the "aggrieved" Muslims had the right to fight to regain lost territory, that the warring parties themselves did not want peace and that Bosnia was essentially a


Yeltsin: Nato strike could undermine him in Russia

European problem. Mr Clinton continued to insist that the US would not "impose" a peace plan on the Muslims, but said it would now press them to spell out their "legitimate, bedrock requirements" in any three-way partition of their country and would give them a "clear and honest" appraisal of the costs of continued fighting.

Having determined the Muslims' bottom line, the Administration would go to Geneva and "do what we can to facilitate an end to this conflict and an agreement".

Mr Clinton added that the Serbs' air defences were "rudimentary", but conceded that US pilots could be shot down because there was "no such thing as a risk-free air operation". The Serbs might prove impossible to flush out of the forested mountains around Sarajevo through air power alone and they could retaliate against UN peacekeeping troops elsewhere in Bosnia.

In Moscow yesterday, Grigori Karasin, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that the proposed Security Council meeting should "examine practical ways of demilitarising Sarajevo and the introduction of direct rule by the United Nations".

Russia's call for an emergency Security Council meeting is perhaps not as dramatic as it seems because a meeting had been scheduled for today. It is another sign, however, of Russia's increasing concern over Nato policy.

The threat of air strikes has created a rare unanimity in Russian political life. Vladimir Lukin, chairman of the Duma foreign relations commission and a leader of a moderate reformist party, said yesterday that if Nato attacks over Russia's opposition, the government should "seriously question Russia's partnership with the West".

Feeling in Russia's armed forces is strongly pro-Serb. An article in the military newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* yesterday claimed that the mortar bomb attack in Sarajevo on Saturday was the work of the Bosnian Muslims.



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Why there is a blight in Auntie's garden

Walter Ellis examines the BBC débâcle over the defection of the Gardeners' Question Time team

This week's defection of the *Gardeners' Question Time* team from the BBC to Classic FM — where they are to be re-potted as *Classic Gardening Forum* — is almost, but not quite, Radio 4's worst nightmare come true. Only if *The Archers* were to abandon Ambridge and move wholesale to a rival village would the outcry have been greater.

Now, in a move that will be interpreted as closing the stable door after the horse has bolted, the BBC has appointed Mary Sharp, a senior radio producer, to liaise between the corporation and the burgeoning independent production sector.

But though Ms Sharp will be involved in commissioning new independent productions, she will have no say in the fate of those, like *Gardeners' Question Time*, which have already been farmed out. Thus, it looks a classic case of too little, too late.

Strictly speaking, *GQT* (as it is known) has not gone anywhere. Its title remains BBC copyright, and under a new chairman, Eric Robson, a professional broadcaster and keen amateur gardener, it resumes later this month, with an entirely new panel. But the format will be subtly altered. There are to be fewer village halls, more garden centres: fewer appeals to the heart of Middle England, more to the reality of urban Britain. We are promised a snappier presentation, tailored to a younger audience. For the real thing, albeit with music, fans will have to turn to Classic FM, and the chances are they will do so in spades.

At the root of the BBC's problem is independent production. Radio 4, on the instructions of John Birt, the director-general, has "volunteered" to devolve 10 per cent of its airtime to outside programme-makers. Many in Broadcasting House feel that this change should be matched by proper liaison between the corporation and those on the outside, but little has been forthcoming.

At *GQT*, already hard hit by the dismissal of Clay Jones, its much-loved chairman, following a heart attack, the unease was considerable — and with good reason. Dr Stefan Buczacki, who had taken over from Jones, was told that he was being replaced by Robson. The other panellists — Daphne Ledward, Fred Downham, Sue Phillips and Bridget Moody — didn't know what to think. When Classic FM and Buczacki clinched the gardening sale of the century, they were delighted.

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Classic broadcasting: the Gardeners' Question Time team

Michael Green, who last year became deputy managing director of network radio in addition to his job as controller of Radio 4, always promised a liaison department for the independents. This week, he has at last been as good as his word. Mary Sharp, the woman charged with supervising independent production following the potting shed débâcle is at present the producer of *Start the Week*. She should take up her new post "sometime soon ... well, soonish", reporting directly to Green and to Helen Wilson, his deputy.

Ms Sharp denies that she was appointed as part of a hastily-contrived damage limitation exercise, saying she got the job after replying to an advertisement in *Aeriel*, the BBC's house magazine, on January 11. By then, Buczacki and Classic FM were well into negotiation.

So what would she do if, say, Antony Clare announced that he was taking his psychiatrist's chair to a rival network? His long-running programme is, after all, now independently produced. "That wouldn't be my responsibility," she says. "After the sale of a programme, its running is in the hands of the relevant departments. Mine is a more wiffly-waffly job. It's the commissioning process I'm involved in."

Elsewhere in Broadcasting House, one of Radio 4's best-known presenters describes the blight at *Gardeners' Question Time* as "a complete shambles ..." Mary Sharp is highly respected as a producer and presenter, but her new role is seen as "a bit like taking over the command of the *Titanic* after it hit the iceberg".

Insiders say that the news of *GQT*'s shift was greeted with "jubilation" by worried staff. "Management have been given a kick in the slats. We are all delighted. Now maybe they will learn to take the heartland of Radio 4 seriously."

Those who object to the rolling reform programme at Broadcasting House see a particular irony in the fact that *GQT* has, in all but name, defected to the opposition. Under Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC network radio (the woman who recently extolled the virtues of Birmingham accents on Radio 3), producers are now forced to ensure that the regions are properly represented on every programme. They even have to tick boxes on forms to demonstrate that they have met their quotas for the North East, Ulster or the West Country.

Yet with *Gardeners' Question Time*, whose provincialism has always been one of its greatest strengths, no care was taken to make sure that its panellists were happy and being looked after. With Classic FM soaring in the ratings and independent national radio preparing to take to the air, Mary Sharp will have a tough job making sure others do not follow in the future.

Gall, still dodging shellfire

After a lifetime reporting the world's troublespots, Sandy Gall now finds himself old and famous



LIBBY PURVES

There could hardly be a better setting to meet Sandy Gall than the Palm Court of the new Langham Hilton. It has just enough Chinese waiters, middle-Eastern businessmen, pierced quasi-Moroccan screens and potted palms to represent one of the motley hotels which have always been home to foreign correspondents of his generation. All it needs is a thick layer of grime, some distant gunfire and a large defective ceiling fan and you could be in Islamabad or Saigon, drinking with the ghost of Boot of the *Beast*. "Writers stay in the bar, picking up news off chaps," says Mr Gall. "Trouble with televison is that you have to keep on going outside to see what's happening."

Which, of course, he did. The trouble with growing old and famous and having sat next to Reggie Bosanquet is that once you get to the memoir stage, the younger generation forget your real achievements. The pictures of Sandy Gall dressed as a Mujahidin, riding a horse across Afghanistan, have been so much used to promote his books and his charity that they are somehow devalued. A lurking assumption starts to form that this was some kind of photo-opportunity, like Fergie's trip up Everest. Reviewing *Sandy Gall's second* volume of memoirs yesterday, Ian McIntyre jeered at his 1984 trip into Afghanistan with a personal protection squad provided by his old friend General Zia and a number of SAM 7 missiles to shoot down helicopter gunships for "spectacular pictures". It was, says Mr McIntyre austerely, "a facilities trip ... the freebie to end all freebies". But two years earlier, Gall spent three months in disguise and unprotected, trekking across the mountains to come home with the first film evidence of Afghan resistance to a brutal Soviet oppression. He is more than a warfaring Alan Whicker. "It was a nightmare. We were exhausted, we got separated from the cameras for three weeks and I thought I'd have to resign." He was 54, some 30 years into his career as a foreign correspondent; 14 years earlier he had accepted a peaceful newscasting role for most of the time because "I'd done an awful lot of wars, and I was up to here with action".

STEPHEN MARKESON



Sandy Gall in reflective mood in London yesterday — "When you're very young you get excited by danger. That wears off. I don't like being shot at. Not a fool"

The man has done his share of trudging and dodging for news in difficult places; before TV, with Reuters, he won his spurs in the Congo, Hungary, Suez, Vietnam, Johannesburg.

Now, pinstriped and soldierly ("My generation *were soldierly. We did National* Service. I was a PT instructor in the RAF.") he answers questions about his own feelings and beliefs with brusque specifics: dates and times and details of who was marching into where at the time. He comes across as one of those decent, repressed John Buchan heroes. A reporter once asked him about smacking children and he was all for it: "People are so wet now, don't you think?" He toboggans down the Cresta Run, plays golf, shoots pheasants, and thinks that one of the worst *things about being a* Communist official in the old days must have been all that cheek-kissing by Soviet premiers. "Men kissing men, ugh!" His irritation at Kate Adie surfaces twice in his new book, the word "prima donna" being used; and all because Ms Adie quite reasonably objected to *The Sun* replacing the *Financial Times* in the pool where the frontline press shared tents. "Lest the colour of her underwear be splashed all over Page One". Reasonable enough, I suggested; surely the nice thing about the *FT* is its reticence about one's underwear. "Well, I was a bit hard on her, perhaps," he concedes.

But this is no New Man. And despite his exasperation with the army because of its "pool" reporting system in the Gulf, his technique for dealing with military officials is itself pretty military. "I'm asking on behalf of ITN, not some tinpot outfit," he barks. Now, in the Palm Court, he admits to being "more and more testy. Well, when you're older than the colonel who's bossing you about, you think he ought to show some respect."

> "When you are older than the colonel, he ought to show respect"

So ought editors: there was a priceless row during the Gulf War when Stewart Purvis of ITN told him not to wear his camouflage chemical suit on camera. "Bloody people. I was damned if I was going to risk being gassed or biologically contaminated just because someone in London thought I was being gung-ho." He has certainly shown a remarkable talent for coming home alive. "When you're very young you get excited by danger. That wears off. I don't like being shot at. Not a fool."

His longevity as a war reporter is central to the latest memoir, covering his TV years from 1977 to the fall of Kabul in 1992. Purists like Mr McIntyre are made uneasy by his access to influential figures. He shrugs this off. "I've always been very frank and not concealed anything. Of course, independence is something you have to watch: but in TV you have to move around with so much equipment that you need help. Also, on TV such a relationship does less damage. You can still ask any question, and let the audience see the man answering and decide what they think. Anyway, when you've spent your whole life travelling you just do know people. All those third-secretaries and junior army officers turn up as heads of state. You shouldn't be in their pocket, but you're mad not to use them."

Zia did bring him scoops: but again, the only reason he was the first British reporter into liberated Kuwait was because, determined to take no nonsense from teenage colonels, he disguised his crew as GIs and followed the Saudi tanks. Wisely, he left the "Hi guys" routine at the checkpoints to his colleague, Steve. He would not have been terribly convincing in the role had he spoken. Or, indeed, had he barked.

Nobody is all professional: Mr Gall keeps his emotions well hidden, but in late 1992 he left his wife and moved in briefly with another woman. He continued to collaborate with Eleanor Gall in running their family charity for Afghanistan and is now back home with her. He winces at the memory of the newspaper coverage. "I told one reporter to go off and do something useful, get himself shot at. Actually, he said he'd like to, but he'd been sent to do me and that was that."

Other signs of emotional mellowing show in the book. The man who wrote spare, factual copy for Reuters for ten years then subordinated words to pictures for another 20 is now, in retirement, cautiously expanding.

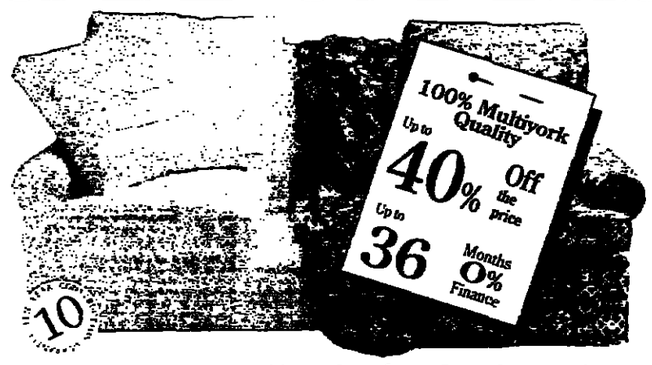
There is genuine emotion in his descriptions of the ancient temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia "like a thunderclap turned to stone", and his first sight of ancient dances reviving after the years of Khmer Rouge terror.

And his passion for Afghanistan is real: he endearingly admits that the charity was "all the idea of the publicity *lady at Sidgwick & Jackson*", but has worked hard at it and will, if pressed, mutter: "Well ... the Afghans are so terrifically brave ... wars are awful, it's always the children who get hurt." And while describing himself as a "fuddy-duddy has-been", he has not gone yet. He itches to do General Sir Michael Rose in Bosnia. "A very strong character. I'd go and see him like a shot."

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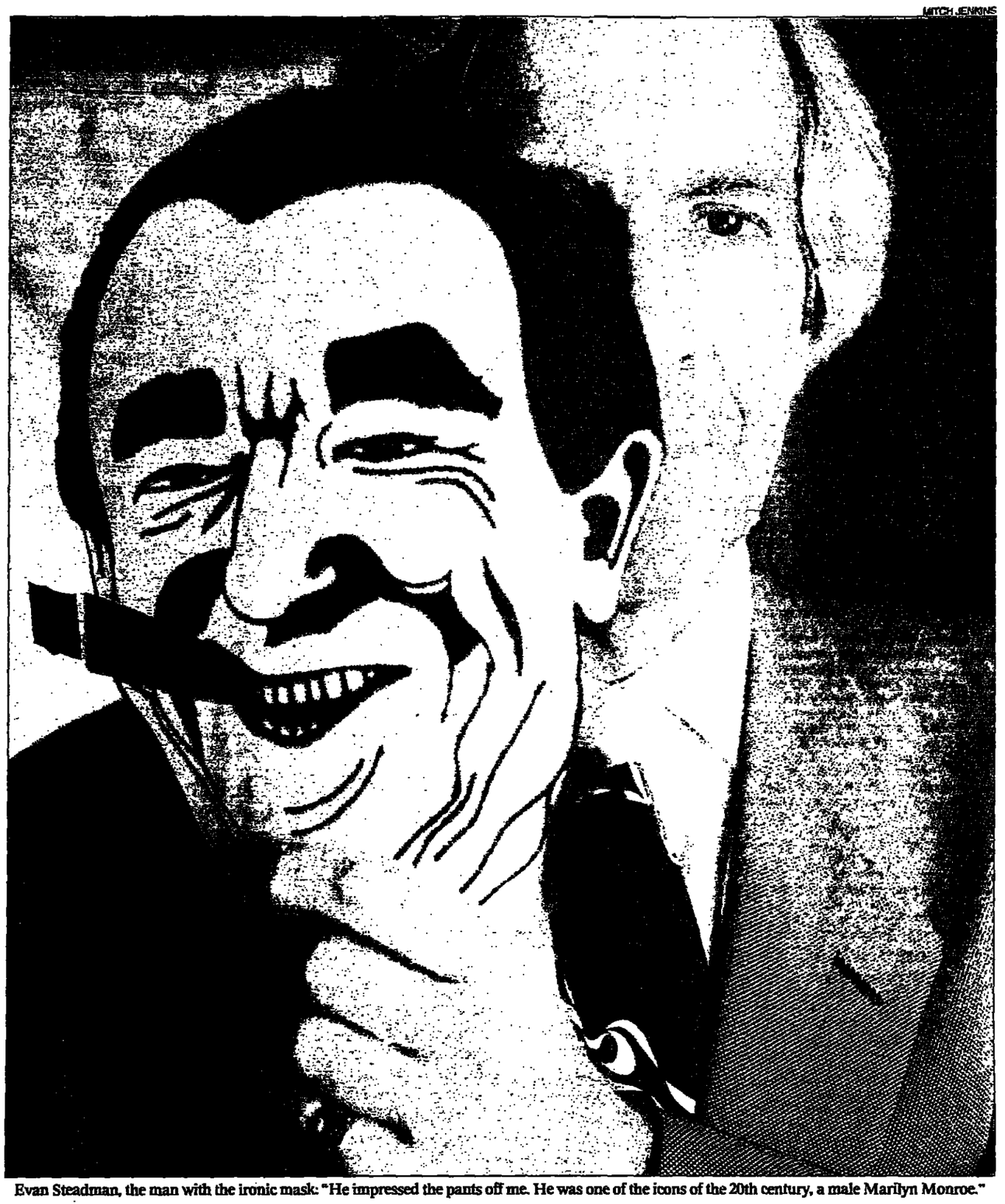
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Who really had the last laugh? **Robert Crampton** on the man who wrote a show about Robert Maxwell

When the music had to stop

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Evan Steadman, the man with the ironic mask: "He impressed the pants off me. He was one of the icons of the 20th century, a male Marilyn Monroe."

The first irony is that Evan Steadman is a man who has more than just a sneaking respect for the late Robert Maxwell. "He impressed the pants off me," says Steadman. "He was one of the icons of the 20th century, a male Marilyn Monroe." People have said a lot of things about the dead publisher, but nobody has made that comparison.

There's more. Steadman will gladly own up to sharing at least some Maxwellian character traits: "He was a show-off — so am I," says the 55-year-old entrepreneur, who was, until this week, producer of *Maxwell: the Musical Review*. On Monday, the Attorney-General won an injunction against the show, which was to have its first preview tonight, on the ground that its content might prejudice the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and their co-defendants.

Steadman lost £500,000 on the venture. The second irony of this story is that the money belonged, not so long ago, to ... Robert Maxwell.

Steadman spent the 1970s and 1980s building up an exhibitions company. He became no. 1 in the field, staging the annual British Electronics Week at Olympia and the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair for many years. In the late 1980s, Captain Bob made Steadman an offer for the company he could not refuse.

"We were in his helicopter," says Steadman. "We'd been haggling about the deal, and he was effing and blinding, as usual. I knew I was going to sell but I wasn't in a hurry. I'd asked for £16 million, thinking that about £5 million would be a good price. As we touched down, he agreed to £16 million, and he was off. His attention span on anything was zilch."

Maxwell tried to pay Steadman in something called Maxwell Bonds. "He said", recalls Steadman, imitating the tycoon's booming voice, "'They'll make you a very rich man, Mister,' but I said: 'No thanks, Bob, I'll take a cheque'."

When Maxwell bought Steadman's company, he also gave him a job. The idea was that Steadman would stick to the business he knew, and turn it, using Maxwell's finance and global network of publications, into something bigger and better. Steadman soon discovered his new boss had even bigger plans for him. "I spent a year researching the possibility of a worldwide exhibitions roadshow. I went to see him in his flat on the top of Maxwell House in Holborn and he said: 'Forget all that, I want you to run everything!' 'What *everything*?' I said. 'Everything!' he said. I said: 'I'm sorry, Bob, that's not my bag — I'm an exhibitions organiser. I don't want to run companies with thousands of employees all hating you.'"

At that point, says Steadman, Maxwell, who was leaning forward on his sofa, lost his balance and subsided onto the floor. "It was an accident — he weighed 22 stone after all — but it typified the man that he made the best of his situation. He said: 'Look, Mister, I'm on my *knees* begging you to do this!'"

You can imagine how Steadman would have appealed to the flamboyant part of Maxwell's nature. An Essex boy, he was one of the first of a new generation of rock 'n' roll likely lads. He set up a string of jazz and rock clubs while still at Ilford County High School in the mid 1950s.

At 17, he owned a Jag and a seven-room flat with an illegal casino in one bedroom. He was mixing with "the fast-emerging rock fraternity".

Steadman rejects any comparison with Maxwell's humble roots in rural Czechoslovakia. He is no working-class hero. His father was a psychologist and he attended a private school until bullying forced him to leave at 14. "I wasn't an Essex boy coming from nowhere. I wasn't coming from somewhere but I was coming from somewhere that was fairly near somewhere."

That somewhere was London, and Steadman spent the 1960s there, working in journalism, advertising and public relations. By the age of 30, he was working for Texas Instruments. "They sent me to work in France, but they miscalculated my salary scale, and I was paid an obscene amount of money, about forty grand, in the late Sixties.

"I thought, 'What shall I do next?' I met a man who told me the semiconductor was going to change the world. So I set up on my own and organised an electronics show."

About the same time, Steadman met Maxwell for the first time. "He was hugely impressive, very good at meeting people ... he did all that 'show me where the troops are, meet the people stuff'."

> "Anyone with the surname Maxwell could have half-price tickets"

Steadman did not follow Maxwell's turbulent career through the next two decades — "big business doesn't really interest me" but he subsequently found out enough about the Captain's record as a publisher to be impressed by that, too. "One can't deny that Pergamon was a triumph," he says.

Pergamon was Maxwell's core business, the company that published lucrative scientific journals: high price, low costs, cash up front in yearly subscriptions. No businessman could fail to admire Maxwell's foresight in cornering such a profitable market, in much the same way as Steadman had cornered his own.

The comparisons multiply. Steadman likes to live well. He doesn't get through half-pound tubs of caviar as Maxwell did, but he is a regular at the Cafe Royal and the Savoy. Until his liver transplant a year ago this week, he used to like a drink, too, and he has a taste for extrovert clothes and accessories.

"I'm showbizzy," he says. "I love doing megananonsenses."

He has houses in Saffron Walden and Cambridge, a flat in Chelsea Harbour and a château near Cannes, where his neighbours include Pierre Cardin. He also has a boat, not as splendiferous as the *Lady Ghislaine* from which Maxwell went overboard to his death in November 1991, but a respectable 43-footer nonetheless.

> "Maxwell took the mickey out of everybody, but I was a good guy"

Like Maxwell, Steadman has a genius for publicity. It is no accident that *Maxwell: the Musical Review* had received many column inches long before the Attorney-General became interested.

For instance, had tonight's preview gone ahead, it would have been attended by hundreds of people called Maxwell. Steadman had written to everyone with that surname living within a 40-mile radius of London, offering half-price tickets. He was offering the same deal to former and current employees of Mirror Group Newspapers. In all, 3,700 people had booked for the previews of the show. Steadman is paying them all back, promptly and in full, just as he is "doing the honourable thing" by the cast and crew, just as he had promised that, should the show ever have gone into profit, he would have made sure the Mirror pensioners received a share. And so the parallels diverge.

By 1991, the year of his employer's death, Steadman had become a director of Maxwell Business Communications Group (MBCG).

He says: "Maxwell took the mickey out of everybody, but I had nothing to fear, because I was a good guy. He'd bought *my company*, so he thought that I must be all right."

Steadman, who had already backed several West End shows, and a showman himself, began to see life in Maxwell House as a Gilbert & Sullivan scenario. He began to write his musical, tapping away on his typewriter in spare moments. Then Maxwell died, and, within a few weeks, Steadman had become chairman of MBCG.

"I didn't have the faintest idea what to do," he says. "The lawyers said: 'Bring in the liquidators, the administrators — anybody else you can think of'. I got all that in place." Steadman left the company three months after Maxwell's death and took his script to professionals. "They fell apart laughing but said, great idea, though, and you've got the money, haven't you? So we could put it on but 'say goodbye to the creative side, Evan'.

"I'd made a fair fist of it but it wasn't good enough," he says, and it is hard to imagine his erstwhile boss ever saying anything like that. Steadman took a conventional production role as financier and publicist, a role he was enjoying hugely until he found himself in the High Court.

"Finding out what you're capable of is much more valuable than money," Steadman told me last month, at the first rehearsal for the show that never was. To prove it, he is now turning his attention and his cheque book towards backing an art gallery.

"It's a wonderful way to lose money," he says. "There is no shortage of options." It is hard to imagine Maxwell saying that, either. Or maybe it isn't.

And yet Steadman still had kind words for the man who had taken his revenge from beyond the grave. "You start with admiring the way Maxwell got out of incredible poverty — no mean feat — the way he came half-way across Europe when he was a teenager. He was wonderfully good-looking, wonderfully built, had a great temperament, great skills. He could have done so much but unfortunately he was fatally flawed: the ego, the lust for power ..."

John Savident, frantically learning his lines as the lead a few days before the injunction, said much the same. "I wanted to present Maxwell as a fully rounded character," he insisted. His tongue was nowhere near his cheek at the time.

Stephen Rayne, the show's director, agreed. "Maxwell was an incredibly complex man and I wanted the audience to have a mixed reaction to him. He had a glowing and potentially brilliant career ... then he overreached himself."

Last Monday, temporarily perhaps, Evan Steadman did, too.



John Savident, centre, playing Robert Maxwell, rehearses for the show that never was



Epitaph: poster at the Criterion for the doomed musical

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■ English must have a terrible word deficit, for we keep using the same ones

No wonder that Michael Portillo (Spanish for "little gate or weak spot") finds it difficult to define the nature of Britishness. We are a very mixed nation, created by continual waves of immigrants from and emigrants to every corner of the globe, including Spain. And because of its mixed origins from Celtic, Latin, Anglo-Saxon, Danish, Norman and all its other constituents coming down the centuries, our rich but infuriating language can be correspondingly both precise and ambiguous. This ambiguity may partly explain the debasement of modern political discourse by weasel words.

English has far more heteronyms than other languages. Heteronym, a word that is spelt the same as another but has a different meaning and often pronunciation (heterophone) must *incense* foreign learners. There can be no *number* gloom than if they *spent* hours learning a *minute* English word, and then *found* a *second* meaning and often pronunciation. *Agape* would not be a foreigner's feeling, but *agape* would be his mouth, as he became *routed* by the *supply* variegated English vocabularies, which can be garbage and *refuse* to be *wound* up or *articulate*.

Here is a report from the confused and confusing parliamentary constituency of Heteronyma. As its *content* shows, there is not much to be *content* about there. Its MP is British enough to look at, even wearing Union Jack *bows* in her hair as she *bows* to the Speaker before announcing the result of a *division*. The Opposition stops its *row* when she rises to speak *winged* words where others have *winged*, and for once *presents* a *row* of sober statespersons.

But the winner in parliamentary *converse* is seldom the *learned sage* or the *honest* (*honest* and moanest thou at this heteronym?) *housewife*. It is more often a *degenerate*, thought likely to *defect*. There is always a *defect* in his argument — a *whole hole* (homophones) large enough for a *dove* to *fly* out, or, the *converse*, the *wind* to *fly* in.

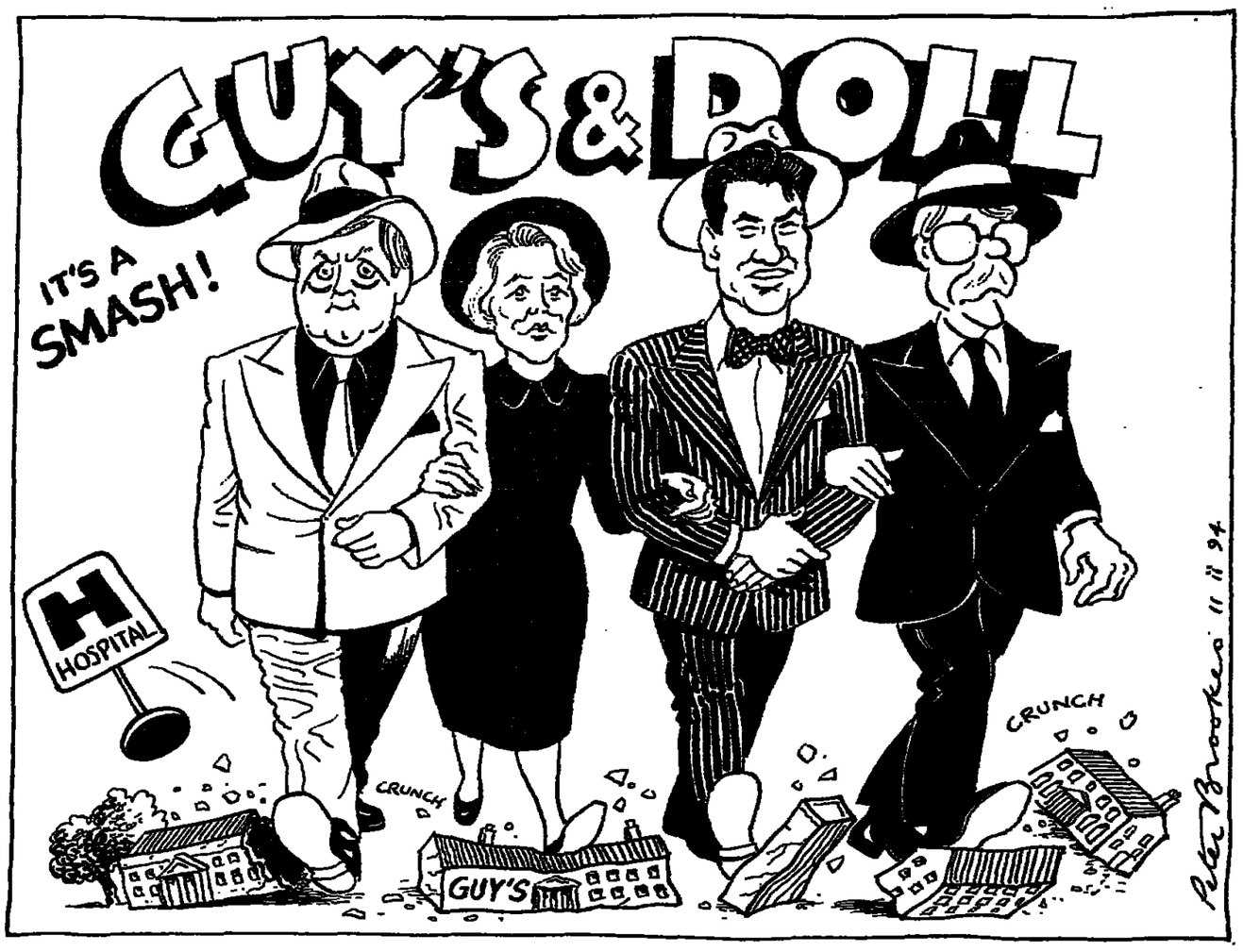
There is no need to *rebel* or *contest* this *buffet* of language. Rather than see political rhetoric *degenerate* even farther and *wind* up as a battle of linguistic *vice* (one hypothetical *construct vice* another), I left the politicians to their *converse* and *dove back* into the constituency of Heteronyma. *Transport* is something of a problem there. *Taxis* are expensive, and I do not *comprehend* the *taxis* of the public *transport*, such as has not been made *invalid* by the curse of the motor-car. I *moped* when my *moped* broke down. But for an outlay of ten *won* to a member of the local Korean community, I *won* my way *back* to the old stone *entrance tower* on the outskirts of the town, helped by an opportunist *tower* of barges, his legs *bower* than a cowpoke's.

The rivers in this neck of the words *entrance* me. They are all *fast flowers*. Their *banks*, strewn at *present* like a *bower* with *flowers*, *present* a fine sight. Here I sit, sipping a bowl of local Heteronyma *Polish sake* with cosmopolitan *polish*, not wishing to be a *shower* of *lower* or sadder emotions, as I *watch* the clouds *lower* and the first *shower fall*.

When you *read* this constituency report, as I have just *read* it over, you will not think me *articulate*. Imagine my own *worn* and *wisened* face, as I *articulate* my thoughts. (Soon I *may* have *wisened* up to my poor *spelling*!) By way of *recreation*, I mean to attempt a *recreation* of my former *mood*. Bad weather acts as a *severer* of the head from the heart and puts me in a *severer mood*. My deader *side* is now uppermost, while my *liver spirits* are sunk in a despondent *slough*. I was ruled by my *liver* until I could *slough* off that skin of misery.

The sun came out. I *recovered* my sodden *pate* with my straw hat, *recovered* my knapsack from the bus *depot*, took from it the *pate* (half-eaten in the *buffet* before being *restored* in my kit), and picked up a knife to *depot* it with, my *temper restored*.

There may be a New British Disease, the self-destructive sickness of national misunderstanding. But I doubt it. The British have always taken the pomposities of their *rulers* with a pinch of *salt*. When our politicians *start* preaching, they usually find they have *skied* a *catch* or *skied* off a cliff. The language itself reflects the ambiguities of the British *character*, and the impossibility of *putting* it down, except on a golf course.



Next door to madness

Keep building those good fences. If this most loathed of all neighbours moves in, you may never hear the last of it

Bad neighbours are always good news. There was, not long ago, a story to cap them all for ever, so bad was the bad neighbour in question. Indeed, his saga reads like one of those terrible radio serials, or even a television one. Watch out for the musical.

This story has everything that such a drama requires: a peaceful village (two, actually), a villain with no redeeming features but with a sinister hyphen in his name, a hero *malgré lui* and the downfall of the villain amid rejoicing. When I say rejoicing, I do not simply assume that there must have been a modest cork or two drawn; hear one of the victims of the villain's earlier beastliness:

> "I fell to my knees and thanked God when he left and prayed that I would never see his type again", said Mr Russell Coathup.

I must pause there to note the magnificent name of the the villain's victim: Russell Coathup — surely a name to go into any village drama without a letter altered. But Mr Coathup had not finished rejoicing; he added:

> The day he left we got together and sang and danced the night away. The man is the nastiest I have met and my heartfelt sympathy goes out to whoever he lives near.

Similar — even identical — views of the gentleman in question came from Mrs Susan Perry:

> He was thoroughly obnoxious, particularly to women or the elderly who could not fight back. He got up everyone's nose.

Oh, but the nomenclature is not finished, not by any means. The nuisance arrived in Addlestone, in Surrey (it had to be Surrey — no one called Coathup could possibly live in, say, Humberside or Avon), and his victim's street had to be called Byron Road. And what were the names of the first two places which the Beast of Addlestone chose to torment? The first impact was at Katherine Close and Liberty Rise.

So appalling must his behaviour have been, that the very policemen were shocked. The officer who finally put him in jug said of the residents:

> They have suffered six years of hell. We had complaints about him but could not get enough evidence until this very nasty attack.

The very nasty attack resulted in 17 stitches in the face of an 80-year-old man (named Lloyd George, just for more true colour in our story) caused by a fork — and I do not mean a piece of table cutlery, but a garden fork. He was saved by another helpful neighbour, who in turn came out of the novel that the suffering neighbours must surely be writing: he was Mr Cedric Newton Fawssett. And to finish this part of the story, I must introduce the last of the cast, Mr Fredrick Ferrari, a former variety artist, aged 81, who said:

> Everyone will be delighted, and there could be a few champagne corks popping, just like there were when he left his previous street. He had cameras all around his property and used to train spotlights through your windows in the middle of the night to intimidate you. It was like living opposite a prison. It has been a misery living near him. When we complained police told us not to confront him because he was dangerous.

I should say he was dangerous, and not only with a garden fork. But just listen to the catalogue of this monumentally bad neighbour and what he got up to (not least the spotlights). He vandalised the neighbours' cars by pouring paint-stripper or superglue over them, he poured weed-killer on his neighbours' gardens, he erected offensive signs, and he boasted that he would drive the neighbours out — a claim that he must have got uncomfortably close to making good, as Mr Lloyd George's scars would testify.

I have always maintained that good neighbours are among the very greatest boon the world offers, and bad ones the greatest calamity. I live in a handsome 18th-century building which consists of one flat per floor: I have the penthouse apartment. Directly below me, for many years, there used to be a lady with a corgi: I don't much care for corgis (actually, I detest dogs of every kind, and corgis are near to top of my hate-list) but this one was reasonably polite: a friend re-Christened it Baskerville. Certainly, it did not disturb my sleep. But the lady who owned it was a very great find, because she kept exactly the bizarre hours that in those days I did; her tastes in music were very far from mine, but I could play Wagner at three in the morning, confident that she was happy with her own records at the same time.

She died, alas, and I awaited my new neighbours. Lo, it turned out that the lady of the couple who took the flat not only enjoyed music but made it; she is a composer and writes musicals (although not at three in the morning). So meticulous is she in making sure that the neighbours have no cause for complaint that she puts a note through every door in the building, and I believe in the adjacent buildings as well. (They now have a new baby as well as a small boy, but I recognise that there must be some give and take here, or the world would never be peopled.)

I often wonder whether *I* am a good neighbour. I do take great care to fit the music to the hour. Half a dozen Haydn quartets played *con sordino* in the middle of a sleepless bout would not awake anyone, but my habit of talking to myself (I have always gone on the principle that anything I say must be more interesting than anything I hear) could be unnerving.

On the whole, the house keeps itself to itself. When I am entertaining a beautiful lady (*all* the ladies I have ever entertained were, and are, beautiful) there are no prying eyes behind half-closed doors to see who goes by. That, certainly, is good neighbourship. Happily, there is no need for us to run errands for each other — the most searching test — because we are all sufficiently hale as not to need it. (Incidentally, there is no lift in the building, and I have 84 steps from the hall to my eyrie. Since climbing those stairs is the only exercise I take — or wish to take — I am often chidden by my friends, who urge me to go and live somewhere nearer the ground, lest my heart should give out one day on the 83rd step. I was almost persuaded, when I mentioned, to a doctor friend, that nowadays I am always puffing when I get to to the top step, even if I am not laden with a shopping bag in each hand. That puffing, I said, cannot be good for me. "What?", he cried, "that puffing is what will keep you alive." From that day on, I have counted the 84 up and down, and rats to the pessimists.)

Not long ago there was another case of bad neighbourship, even worse than our villain. This one had deliberately made his neighbours' lives hell — playing music at thousands of decibels, shouting foul-mouthed abuse, even breaking windows, as I recall. What possesses people to do such things? Surely, a frozen countenance will serve to make dislike clear, and a nod of recognition followed by nothing else must indicate that an invitation to tea would be unlikely, and an acceptance even more so.

Best of all, of course, are neighbours who are friends, although a falling-out with those must be much more awful than breaking off with a stranger. It happens, though, and happens sometimes dreadfully. Do you recall the story — I chronicled it here — about the neighbour who, it was claimed, had moved a fence *two inches* into next door's domain? There followed a law-suit that not even Jarndyce v Jarndyce could match; when the submissions were completed, the judge took four months to complete his judgment, and he took two hours to read it out. (As I said at the time, you have never seen a fat litigant or a thin lawyer.) Yet until the two-inch *Blitzkrieg* invasion of the neighbour's territory took place, there was presumably no kind of quarrel between the High Contracting Parties.

Shakespeare had a word for it: he usually does. In this case, you will find it in the last two lines of Sonnet 94. The warning runs

> For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
> Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.

I wouldn't compare our nuisance to a festering weed, though only because he might come round and threaten to beat me up. Anyway, there were uplifted hearts in Liberty Rise when they heard that he had been put behind bars.

Bernard Levin

Money down the Eurodrain

Howard Davies takes an awayday on the gravy train

Once again Lord Tebbit has drawn our attention to the iniquities of the European Commission, and to the waste in its spending. He is not the most impartial of observers; he has made his views of the Community very clear. But on this occasion, he has a point. It is one which the Commission's own auditors support.

As a lapsed auditor myself, I take an unusual, some might say prurient interest in audit reports. The European court of auditors' report on the 1992 financial year tells a remarkable tale. The headline figure for losses through fraud — 162 million ecus — was interesting enough, but what is more significant is the commentary on the Commission's control of its main spending programme.

Take regional policy — a growth area for the Commission. In typically deadpan prose the auditors note that "management problems seriously reduced the impact, in regional development terms, of the Community funding". Some might question the impact on regional development even when the programmes are properly managed, but leaving that aside it is alarming to note that "weaknesses of planning, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation" were widespread and that "many certificates [of expenditure] had been issued without the issuing authorities exercising any significant control of the reality of the operation". In plain English, we are spending money without any idea of what we are getting for it.

With the social fund, the auditors more or less give up, noting simply that "the Commission had generally failed to ensure that clear and wherever possible quantified objections were established before programmes were initiated". So spend now, work out why later. Unfortunately, even after the event the Commission could do little better. As the auditors remark, "no attempt had been made to adapt the objectives, regulations and management of schemes in the light of experience".

The Commission's research budget fares little better. Here decision-making and implementation, in the auditors' view, took too long. "The Community thus ran the risk of promoting projects in which the technology had already been undertaken." So the Community, it seems, is running a kind of "technology hindsight" programme.

After these fundamental attacks on the main spending programmes it might seem anti-climactic to talk about travel claims. But the auditors can't resist it, noting that the correct procedures for expenditure claims were not followed, and "in five years, travel expenditure had almost doubled".

Still more fun can be had out of the 150 million ecus the Commission spent just on "moving out of the Berlaymont" building. I wonder if Pickfords were allowed to quote.

The *piece de resistance* is left to the end. Who paid for the extravaganza of the opening and closing ceremonies of the Barcelona Olympics? We did — at least 45 per cent of the cost was paid by the European Commission. What did we get for it? Well, let's not be too vulgar. "As the Olympic Charter did not permit any overtly political demonstration, the visual presence could only be a symbolic one." And, the report delphically notes, "the programme for the Community's participation in the Olympic Games proved not totally appropriate". Stung by this, the Commission argues that there were benefits "such as European flags among all the national flags"!

But the report's coda is the most damning section. Noting that many of the criticisms are not new, it points out that there has been "little or no subsequent improvement".

This dismal catalogue should give all member states pause before considering further increases in the Commission's resources. Lord Tebbit would, I am sure, sit well in the chair of a European Audit Committee in their Lordships' House.

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Battling Bernard

SOHO will never again see the louche celebrity Jeffrey Bernard walking its pavements — at least not as he has in the past. For Bernard, whose most recent *Spectator* column described in gruesome detail how he was confined to bed with blisters on his feet, has had one of his legs amputated below the knee.

News of his ordeal in the Middlesex Hospital is broken curtly by this week's *Spectator*. In place of Bernard's usual "Low Life" column or the famous tag "Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell", there is the pointed sentence: "Jeffrey Bernard has had his leg off".

Magazine staff are understandably upset by the news, but there are reassuring signs that Bernard's much-documented resilience is serving him well. He was receiving visitors within 24 hours of the operation on Tuesday in Middlesex Hospital.

Dominic Lawson, the editor of *The Spectator*, dropped in on Wednesday evening. "I visited Jeff in hospital," he says. "He seemed remarkably well and in good spirits. He was sitting up in bed and eating with something approaching gusto."

Bernard was in fact in such good spirits that he claimed he would be able to write about his hospital experiences next week.

● *Never a shrinking violet, Richard Ingrams. At Larry Adler's 80th birthday party in north London this week, the former editor of* Private Eye *claimed Adler was only famous because Ingrams published the "Adler letters". "He only came over to England because he didn't get anywhere playing his mouth-organ in the States."*

Sheer poetry

HE MAY just have edited *The Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry*, but Ian Hamilton is now turning his attention to rather less cerebral affairs. He is writing a book on soccer's belching cry-baby Paul Gascoigne, entitled *Gazza Italia*.

"I am a total fan, but he is embarrassing at times," gushes Hamilton, who once described the player's behaviour as "the apotheosis of yuk".

Hamilton says: "The book will be about him as a footballer, how he has been handled by the press and his relationship with fame." Hamilton travelled to Italy in pursuit of his hero, but never secured an interview. He did, however, compose a poetic tribute entitled "Gazza Agonistes".

Glow-worm

FIREMEN get many strange requests for help, but rarely if ever have they been asked to



check whether a nude paraglider, recently taken down from the roof of Buckingham Palace, has been contaminated by radioactivity below the belt. However difficult it is to believe, that was the call last Saturday morning after police arrested the man who landed on the Palace roof at 7.27 am and then stripped off.

At Charing Cross Police Station, James Miller, 30, a technician from Nevada told police that the green paint daubed liberally around his groin was radioactive.

A London Fire Brigade spokeswoman confirmed yesterday that at the request of the police they "attended Charing Cross Police Station at 0849 hours". Scotland Yard was less forthcoming and refused to confirm the incident: "Royalty and diplomatic protection officers wouldn't want to comment on that." Fortunately for all concerned, however, the paraglider was given the all clear.

Bloodless hunting

CONCILIATORY signs are emerging from Leicestershire County Council, which, like Somerset, has banned hunting on council-owned land. Following Mr Justice Laws's ruling that Somerset councillors exceeded their powers in banning stag hunting, Leicestershire has decided to seek the support of the Prince of Wales.

Labour councillor Adrian Cross, the council's self-proclaimed spokesman on the hunting ban, has written to the Prince suggesting that he might head a committee to investigate ways of keeping the hunt but saving the fox.

Cross — an opponent of bloodsports — acknowledges that Leicestershire runs at least eight hunts, and says he is keen for the pageantry to continue. "The horses and hounds could chase athletes dragging a scent behind them," he says. "I think the Prince would be an ideal patron of an organisation to consider options of this sort. I am sure he's a decent guy." Who likes hunting foxes.

Dubbed in Japan

SINN FEIN may have enjoyed a whiff of the oxygen of publicity, with Gerry Adams's American tour, but it is soon to get tents-full of the stuff. There is unprecedented interest from journalists in its annual conference at the end of the month.

More than three times the usual number of journalists have applied to attend, and there are now doubts about whether the venue, a community centre in Tallaght, west of Dublin, will be big enough. "I'm sure it's the first time since Sinn Fein was founded in 1905 that we've had the Japanese," says a spokesman. "But we've got two of their TV stations coming."

See how they (still) run



Forty years after helping Roger Bannister run the first sub-four minute mile, the Chrises Brasher and Chataway are heading once again for Oxford's Iffley Road stadium. Both men, it is hoped, will take part in a special commemorative race to mark the 40th anniversary of Bannister's triumph in May.

Sadly, Bannister (*right*), now 64, will be consigned to the role of starter, due to a car accident many years ago. But Brasher and Chataway hope to race with as many subsequent holders of the world mile record as are fit, willing and able. A handicap system is being designed to allow veterans such as Arne Andersson and Gunder Hägg, who are both in their seventies, compete against what Brasher terms "the children" — the likes of Seb Coe, Steve Ovett and Steve Cram.

The plan, says Brasher, is for athletes to set off at different times. "But handicapping the race will need the judgment of Solomon." Assuming a field can be assembled, the early favourite with the bookies is likely to be Chataway, says Brasher. "I think I would nominate him as champion for his age." It's not difficult to see why. At 63, Chataway, now chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, has recently seen off a team of Birmingham air-traffic controllers with a time of 5 minutes 36 seconds.

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A BETTER DAY IN BOSNIA

But Nato's deadline for Sarajevo is only a beginning

President Clinton has described Nato's decision to use necessary force to end the bombardment of Sarajevo as "a good beginning". For Sarajevans, who have already buried more than 10,000 of their fellow citizens and tended 57,000 wounded, it is bound to seem a beginning cruelly delayed.

It is only a beginning. Even if the Bosnian Serbs comply with Nato's deadline for withdrawing their heavy weapons out of range or grouping them under United Nations control, the city will still be under siege. As for other heavily-populated Bosnian centres, such as Mostar and Gorazde, the plight of the beleaguered civilians remains desperate.

To have drawn one firm line is an achievement, however. There must be no going back, whether the pressure comes from Russia or from fear of Bosnian Serb retaliation. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said yesterday that Nato was "knocking at an open door" and he would have withdrawn the heavy weaponry without a Nato ultimatum. But in Pale, his own spokesman was attempting to set conditions and defying Nato to strike. A string of broken Bosnian Serb promises to silence their guns reaches back to the London conference of August 1992. This time, and *within the deadline, Mr Kardzic must* comply unconditionally, to the last mortar.

If Nato's deadline for Sarajevo is to have a lasting impact on the wider war, it must also be part of a broad strategy of convincing the combatants that, after the passage of 45 Security Council resolutions, the UN intends at last to be obeyed throughout Bosnia. France's foreign and defence ministers fly to Sarajevo today to underscore Nato's determination. The British government's decision to suspend the escorting of all aid convoys by its UN troops sends the opposite signal, and contrasts lamentably with Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose's immediate deployment of French UN troops on the Sarajevo front lines to enforce the ceasefire. The UN's civilian aid workers need more, not less, protection. New precautions may be needed, but the military escorts must be promptly resumed.

Peace negotiations need to be put on a new footing too. That means persuading the Bosnian government that the West will help it to a settlement which will provide at the very least for a viable rump Bosnian state. Mr Clinton, in a departure from Washington's policy of lofty dissociation from negotiations, *has undertaken to ascertain the* Bosnian government's "bedrock requirements". Incorporating these in a settlement will entail further Serb and Croat concessions, which is why America and France want to enlist Russia's help at the table.

Moscow's reaction yesterday was pained and angry. But that could change. The Russians have *no* legal case for a further UN Security Council decision before force is used: existing resolutions are wholly adequate. More pertinently, they will discover that they have no political support: even Ukraine has accepted the necessity of Nato's ultimatum. Boris Yeltsin's spokesman has already said that Russia does not want a rift with the West. The security council could be used as one channel for persuading Moscow that its interests lie in using its influence in Belgrade to complement Nato's decision. Another could be John Major's visit to Moscow next week. Nato's ultimatum opens a tiny window for peace, and time presses: the Bosnian Serbs, in a "general mobilisation", are illegally press-ganging refugees into their forces.

Croatian troops have also crossed into Bosnia recently. But yesterday's unexpected joint request by Bosnia's prime minister and the Croatian foreign minister for UN policing of their frontier is promising news. Zagreb, it seems, is suddenly taking the threat of sanctions seriously. The ice may be moving at last. Lord Owen lacks the power to exploit the new possibilities. The Geneva talks nearly seized up again last night. Western governments *must now take over.*

WHAT THE BUTLER SAID

Sophistry and evasion from the head of the civil service

Of the 140,000 documents before Lord Justice Scott's enquiry, few have shed such light on what is wrong with Whitehall as the statement issued by Sir Robin Butler, the head of the civil service, as part of his testimony to the tribunal this week. Sir Robin has a duty to defend his officials from unwarranted attack. Yet his suggestion that the media are the true villains of the piece suggested an arrogant reluctance to address the real issues at stake in this investigation.

*Just as Lord Howe tried last month to dis*credit the procedures adopted by Lord Justice Scott, so Sir Robin alleged that its work had already been undermined by gross media distortions. He regretted "the absence of restraints on comment" as if the investigation into defence export policy to Iraq were *sub judice.* It is no such thing. Witnesses to the enquiry have not been subpoenaed and have been granted the reassurance that their evidence will not be used in criminal prosecutions. Given these ground-rules, it is absurd to suggest that the media should not be allowed to comment upon the enquiry.

Even more revealing were Sir Robin's objections to the language used by the press. Headline writers, he claimed, had unfairly prejudged his involvement in the export policy debacle. If so, he has every right to take his complaint to the Press Complaints Commission. But his criticism of the phrase "arm sales to Iraq" suggests that Sir Robin expects privileged rather than fair treatment.

It is true that no licences for the export of lethal goods to Iraq were issued by the Government even after export guidelines were relaxed in 1988. What Lord Justice Scott must decide, however, is whether the Government approved the sale to Iraq of "dual *use" goods — those with civilian and milit*ary applications — in the knowledge that they were to be used in the construction of weapons. Such questions are far from pedantic. The 1,000 mm tubes seized by customs officials at Teesside in April 1990 were apparently components for a "supergun" which would have enabled Saddam Hussein to fire anthrax shells on Tel Aviv. If this was not an arms sale, it is hard to see what is.

Sir Robin's genteel objection to the phrase "gagging orders" as press shorthand for public interest immunity certificates merely strengthened this impression of lofty detachment. Such certificates are issued by ministers to advise the courts that sensitive information should be suppressed; they carry immense force in the judicial process. Lord Justice Scott must ask whether the four ministers who signed PII certificates related to the Matrix Churchill trial in 1992 did so in the knowledge that the information withheld could save three men from jail. The phrase "gagging order" may be inelegant, but better reflects the human cost of such bureaucratic decisions than the euphemistic language Sir Robin would have journalists employ.

His remarks this week have epitomised the distaste many civil servants still feel for public scrutiny in general and the Scott enquiry in particular. The open government initiative has a long way to travel before it will genuinely change Whitehall culture. This is the most basic institutional question that Lord Justice Scott must address in his report this summer.

COSMETIC SURGERY

Labour's health proposals are less radical than they claim

As any general knows, a smokescreen has sometimes to be raised so that an army can advance. So too in politics. Yesterday Labour launched a consultative document on health which was full of language designed to reassure party members who passionately oppose the Conservative health reforms. But the content of the document represents a big advance on Labour's fudged manifesto proposals in 1992.

Any words currently in use that sound commercial are out. So "commissioner" would replace "purchaser", "service agreement" would replace "contract", and "hospital boards" would replace "trusts". GP fundholding would be abolished altogether, but doctors would still buy treatment for their patients by teaming up with district and family health service authorities to do "joint commissioning". Labour insists that the internal market would vanish under its proposals; but by retaining the crucial purchaser/provider split, hospitals would still have an incentive to win contracts — renamed "service agreements" — from the organisations doing the commissioning.

Some of Labour's proposed changes might even be an improvement on current practice. Lamenting the rapid "quangoisation" of health administration, Labour asks how more accountability can be introduced to the running of health care. By maintaining the split between purchaser and provider, the party has made room for more elected representatives, either directly or indirectly through local authorities. The document quite cleverly exploits the anxieties of patients and health professionals about the "commercialisation" of the NHS. But it openly admits that many of the fears can be allayed merely through cosmetic changes. So for instance, it suggests that "hospitals and community services would re-adopt friendly and familiar titles which make sense to patients and reflect the commitment of the service to local people rather than to passing market fads". No suggestion here of any reversal of policy.

In one important area, however, the document does not just fall short of what is needed: on the involvement of the private sector, the plan actually takes Labour backwards. To abolish tax relief on insurance for private health care for the elderly makes some economic sense. But to restrict, and eventually phase out, pay beds in NHS hospitals is madness. In 1990-91, the latest year for which figures are available, these contributed £113 million to the NHS, money that could be spent on treating more people. Labour would do better to propose more fluidity between the two systems so that empty pay beds could be taken up by NHS patients.

The suspicion is that these proposals have been included as a sop to those who might disapprove of the gist of the rest of the paper. The document will now go out for consultation. When the final version is prepared, the party should soften its hostility to the private sector in substance — even if it cannot bear to do so in words..

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Restraint, privacy and morals in the Milligan case

From Her Majesty's Coroner for the County of West Yorkshire (Western District)

Sir, I am concerned about the apparent leakage of information — accurate *or otherwise, I know not — concerning* the death of Stephen Milligan (reports and leading article, February 9; letters, February 10).

When in this country a person dies in suspicious circumstances two parties are charged with conducting or *supervising a proper and thorough in*vestigation into the circumstances: the coroner, principally, and, if there is criminal involvement, the police. Where death is non-natural an inquest will always ensue.

My experience over many years teaches me that the release of snippets of information, whether accurate or not, causes very great distress. It is also contrary to the very spirit of the judicial system in this country, and indeed the spirit of fair play. Those who wrongly, and against their professional responsibility, leak information before all the facts are available, should examine their consciences.

If we lived in a society where investigations of this sort were hushed up, then I would not be writing to you. Fortunately we do not. The inquest is open and in public and all properly interested persons have an opportunity of questioning witnesses and so on.

I would therefore make a plea to those who have part of the story to keep it to themselves until the whole story can be unfolded at the proper *time and at the proper place.*

My colleagues and I are not by nature litigious, but it seems to me that there might be a case sometimes for applying to the High Court for an injunction against the publication of information before an inquest on the grounds that the investigation is sub judice. I have been obliged to take this action in one case and certainly received the support of the High Court.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. TURNBULL,
HM Coroner,
City Courts, The Tyrls,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.
February 10.

From His Honour Judge Tim Milligan

Sir, I am grateful for the sympathy and understanding expressed by your correspondents today about the death of *my cousin, Stephen.*

But we feel no shame or embarrassment. None of us achieve a perfect balance in every aspect of our public and private lives but, with respect to the Prime Minister, Stephen was neither miserable nor unhappy (report, February 10). On the contrary, he was thoroughly fulfilled and happy in his work at Westminster and in his Eastleigh constituency, which gave him the chance to be of service to others as he always wished. The affection and respect expressed by so many of them has given great comfort.

We think of him with deep love and *immense pride.*

Yours sincerely,
TIM MILLIGAN,
Trout Cottage,
Stockbridge, Hampshire.
February 10.

From Mr D. M. Edmunds

Sir, Mr Major's comment that Mr Stephen Milligan was probably "pretty unhappy, pretty miserable" is typical of this Prime Minister. Just because Mr Milligan appears to have obtained his sexual satisfaction in a different way from Mr Major does not mean that he was necessarily un*happy or miserable.*

Indeed, without the stresses of a permanent relationship, Mr Milligan might well have been happier than many married men.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. EDMUNDS,
1 Arodene Road, SW2.
February 10.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, "It is not a moral issue" (leading article, February 9)? Oh yes, it is! The issue is not the way public people be*have in their private lives, let alone the* way private people behave in their private lives, but the way public people in their public lives tell the rest of us that we should behave better when they themselves behave no better and often a lot worse.

So many public people are seen nowadays to be involved in various immoral activities — in politics, in religion, in education, in business, in the media — that the very least they should do is to stop talking about *morality.*

Yours etc,
NICOLAS WALTER,
Rationalist Press Association,
88 Islington High Street, N1.

From Mr James Wadsworth

Sir, Reports that members of Parliament are concerned at leaks of information from the police to the press about the circumstances of the death of Stephen Milligan show standards that are disturbingly confused.

Dissemination of information by government, of whatever political party, is very largely by leak. It is either formalised in the lobby system or is done on an informal basis to prepare *the way for a later public announce*ment.

No Conservative member in recent parliaments has called for the prosecution of those who leak the secrets of government in this way. Similarly, no member of an opposition party *seems so to disapprove of the disclo*sure of embarrassing documents by a disaffected civil servant as to refrain from republishing them and making all possible political capital out of *them.*

Information gathered in the course of his occupation, whether by a civil servant or a police officer, is already grossly overprotected. No national interest needs to be defended in this sad and sordid story. The loud complaints we have been hearing come from those who want us to hear the Milligan story as they wish it to be told.

The lament of politicians at their failure to control news should fall on very deaf ears.

Yours etc,
JAMES WADSWORTH,
Icomb Lodge, Nr Stow-on-the-Wold,
Gloucestershire.

Race prejudice in the health service

From Dr Abdul Jaleel

Sir, I am saddened, but not entirely surprised, to hear of the hospital doctor who has been refused more than 1,000 jobs (report, February 3) even though he is a well qualified British citizen seeking employment in an expanding branch of medicine (public health).

Doctors from black and ethnic minorities applying for hospital jobs are known to face barriers at three levels: geographical, specialty and the perceived status of the hospital within the National Health Service. It is uncommon to see such doctors in major teaching hospitals, large cities and in the so-called "glamorous" medical specialties. The lucky few who climb to the top (consultant level) often end up in less popular disciplines such as geriatrics, psychiatry and genito-urinary medicine.

No official data on the ethnic origin of NHS doctors are available, though the Health Department does produce figures based on place of birth. According to these, in 1992 some 22 per cent of consultants were born outside the European Community.

Having served on numerous appointment committees in the NHS during the past two decades, I have been struck by the way some hospitals weed out doctors from ethnic minorities. For instance, it is not uncommon to have a pecking order for shortlisting, with applicants from ethnic minorities placed below the UK-born and *other EC doctors.*

Unfortunately the problem is not confined to medical appointments: out of 534 appointed chairpersons of NHS authorities and trusts, only four are from black and ethnic minorities, and out of 1,531 non-executive board members of regional health authorities, NHS trusts and special health authorities, there are only 45.

Ours is a truly multi-racial society and its future health and prosperity deserve equality of opportunity and fair play in all walks of life.

Yours faithfully,
ABDUL JALEEL
(Consultant rheumatologist),
Memorial Hospital,
Darlington, Co Durham.
February 10.

'No' to Labour plan

From the Chairman of Dixons Group

Sir, When I read that John Smith, the Labour leader, has called for a Business Plan for Britain (report, February 7) I had an awful sense of having been there before. We went through all this in the 1960s and 1970s, and it didn't work.

British business doesn't want a national plan. It wants low inflation, it wants low interest rates, it wants good industrial relations. But some great blueprint drawn up by civil servants, politicians and economists — no thank you.

I do not believe Mr Smith wants to harm British business. I genuinely think that, like the man from Whitehall, he thinks he is here to help me. If he wants to help me, the best thing he could do is forget about the social chapter, and leave me to get on with *my task.*

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY KALMS,
Chairman,
Dixons Group plc,
29 Farm Street, W1.
February 7.

Redwood's impact

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, As a member of the Conservative Party living in Wales I dispute Ron Davies's comments on the Secretary of State for Wales, Mr John Redwood (letter, February 7). I travel extensively in Wales and hear a great deal of praise of the impact Mr Redwood has made since he took up his appointment nine months ago. His dynamic and outspoken approach is precisely what Wales requires.

Mr Davies makes much of the fact that Mr Redwood is an Englishman. What matters is that the person appointed to be Secretary of State for Wales is a top-calibre politician so that Wales can benefit to the maximum.

Mr Redwood is showing a deep interest in Wales and spends a great deal of time here. Under his guidance Wales is coming out of the recession faster than the rest of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FORREST,
Delfryn, Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
February 7.

Baha'i origins

From Mr T. R. J. Finch

Sir, The reference in your report of January 31, "Missing bishop killed in Iran", to "the Bahai" as "an 18th-century offshoot of Islam" is incorrect and misleading. The Baha'i Faith, as it is correctly known, began in the 19th century and is no more an offshoot of Islam than Christianity is of Judaism.

It is, Sir, the eighth largest religion in the world and the second most widely spread after Christianity. Its existence should now be part of every educated person's general knowledge.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR R. J. FINCH
(Head of Religious Education),
Ernest Bevin School,
Beechcroft Road, SW17.
February 4.

Preserving Hong Kong's way of life

From Professor Ian Scott

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Alastair Campbell (January 27), believes that the Hong Kong governor, Mr Patten, *"has lost much of his support from the* business community and a referendum would demonstrate the wider lack of support for his policies". Evidence from opinion polls conducted in my own university and by other organisations suggests otherwise.

Support for Mr Patten's 1995 electoral proposals has run at not less than 40 per cent while those opposed to them number only between 17 and 30 per cent. Patten's own approval rating has consistently been over 50 per cent.

Those who are vocal in their opposition to his proposals are not *necessarily those who are most repre*sentative.

Yours etc,
IAN SCOTT,
Department of Politics and
Public Administration,
University of Hong Kong,
Pokfulam Road,
Hong Kong.
February 5.

From the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, Your leader, "Reality over Hong Kong" (January 21), has sparked an interesting correspondence. I would like to take up two points.

First, the suggestion has been made (Mr Campbell's letter) that so long as Hong Kong's free-market economy is retained, it does not matter too much what political structure is in place. That misses a crucial point, which your leader brought out with admirable clarity. There is an inextricable link between Hong Kong's way of life and its economic success.

Hong Kong works because it puts local entrepreneurial drive into a framework of reliable justice and good, clean government. An openly elected legislature is not icing on the cake. It is an integral part of the system which is needed to ensure Hong Kong's continuing success.

There is also manifest support among the people of Hong Kong for democratic elections. Chris Patten has made proposals — with the British Government's firm support — to put in place open and fair elections before 1997. That is the right course of action *even if it does not prove possible to* reach agreement on the details as we would wish with the Chinese government.

Second, your leader suggested that we should give people in Hong Kong the right to come to this country to settle. Successive governments and parliaments have taken the view that it would not be feasible to give such an undertaking. Nor is it necessary. Mr Peter Willoughby (letter, January 27) pointed out that Hong Kong already has a higher GDP per head than the UK. It has an exceptionally bright future, as investors from around the world agree.

We intend to concentrate our energies on ensuring full implementation of the Joint Declaration between Britain and China, so that all six million Hong Kong people can continue to enjoy the benefits and values of living in an open and plural society.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR GOODLAD,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.

Truth to tell

From Mr David Loshak

Sir, Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, tells the Scott enquiry (report, February 10) that a half-picture can be truthful, that an answer calculated not to allow the listener the full picture is not necessarily misleading. Almost two centuries ago, William Blake punctured such arrogant sophistry: "A truth that's told with bad in*tent/Beats all the lies you can invent."*

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LOSHAK,
169 Half Moon Lane, SE24.
February 10.

From Mr Wyndham Thomas

Sir, As Kipling saw it: "The truthful, well-weighed answer/That tells the blacker lie . . ."

Your faithfully,
WYNDHAM THOMAS,
As from: 8 Westwood Park Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
February 10.

From Mr Patrick Noakes

Sir, First Sir Humphrey in fiction, now Sir Robin in fact.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK NOAKES,
63 St Augustine's Avenue,
South Croydon, Surrey.
February 10.

Women in the House

From Ms Janet Anderson, MP for Rossendale and Darwen (Labour)

Sir, Ms Sarah Baxter ("Should we offer the lady a seat?", February 5) implies that 15 of the present 60 women MPs (not 59 as she states) may owe their selection and subsequent election to family ties.

I dare say that if we were to examine other professions and categories of employment, we would be likely to find similar connections. My two grandfathers were faceworkers and most of my uncles went down the pits. My husband is a solicitor and at least one of our sons has expressed an interest in a legal career. My next-door neighbour is a teacher; her mother was a teacher too.

Could it be that patterns of interest follow through in families quite naturally? Ms Baxter's implication of patronage is both insulting and wrong.

Yours faithfully,
JANET ANDERSON,
House of Commons.
February 7.

Pegasus bridge

From Major A. F. Jackson, RE (retd)

Sir, Mr L. David Brook (letter, February 7) is incorrect in stating that the capture of Pegasus bridge on D-Day in 1944 was not a 5 Parachute Brigade task. Major John Howard's detachment of glider-borne troops was placed under command of 5 Para*chute Brigade whose main body land*ed half an hour (not three hours) after Major Howard's coup-de-main party.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. JACKSON (Archivist,
Airborne Forces Museum, Aldershot),
Hurstfield, Sunnyside,
Fleet, Hampshire.

From Mr G. B. Wilson

Sir, It is doubtful whether the air*borne troops could have held the left* flank at Pegasus bridge on their own if it had not been for the solid defensive position taken up by 1 Commando Brigade. It dug in on the ridge above the bridge and held the positions for 87 days against repeated German attacks.

The same could be said of the job done by 4 Commando Brigade on the right flank in the Canadian sector.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. WILSON (Treasurer,
London and Home Counties Branch,
The Commando Association),
29 Glencairn Road, SW16.

RE in school

From Mr J. A. Seabrook

Sir, Dr Colin Howson (letter, January 29) writes about the evidence in the scriptures and in human experience for God's existence, and approves David Hume's verdict that as evidence it is not worth much.

According to Dr Samuel Johnson, "... Hume owned to a clergyman in the bishoprick of Durham, that he had never read the new Testament with attention."

It seems that Hume's verdict, as a verdict, is not worth much.

Yours faithfully,
TONY SEABROOK,
New Orchard,
45 Ellesborough Road,
Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Changing values

From Mr D. P. Mitchell

Sir, Surely the inflationary amendment to the $64,000 question suggested by Mr M. Moorhouse (letter, Feb*ruary 4) has already taken place.* Was not the original sum at stake a mere $64?

Yours faithfully,
D. P. MITCHELL,
Cedar Lodge, Pott Shrigley,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.
February 4.

Spot on

From Mr David Benge

Sir, I have decided to re-name my dog BMW.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BENGE,
64 Melford Road, E6.
February 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 10: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), to mark the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Raising of the Regiment.

Her Majesty arrived at Folkestone West Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Kingsdown).

The Queen drove to St Mark's Garrison Church, Shorncliffe, and was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major General David Thomson), the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Miller) and the Chaplain General (the Rev James Harkness).

Her Majesty was received with a Royal Salute by the Quarter Guard and afterwards attended a Service of Thanksgiving.

The Queen subsequently visited the Sir John Moore Library and was received by the General Officer Commanding Southern District (Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn) and the Chairman, Shepway District Council (Councillor Richard Pascoe).

After visiting the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess, Her Majesty honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at Luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

This afternoon The Queen visited the Sports Complex, viewed various displays on the life of the Regiment and unveiled a commemorative painting of the Regimental Band.

Afterwards Her Majesty gave the signal for the start of a sponsored bicycle ride to the Regimental Headquarters at Stirling Castle.

The Lady Susan Hussey and Sir Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Tyne and Wear and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

His Royal Highness this morning visited Reyrolle Limited, Hebburn.

The Duke of Edinburgh later opened Onwa Electronics (UK) Limited, Simonside East Industrial Estate, South Shields.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Seamanship and Survival Centre, South Tyneside College, Wapping Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, and opened the extension to the Centre.

The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended a Luncheon at the Bank of England, Pilgrims Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a reception at Trinity House, Broad Chare, Newcastle upon Tyne. Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Salters' Company Livery Dinner, Salters' Hall, Fore Street, London EC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 10: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 10: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Cheshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

In the morning His Royal Highness visited the Neuromuscular Centre, Woodford Lane, Winsford.

Afterwards The Duke of Gloucester opened the Manchester and District Housing Group's Preece Court Development and subsequently visited the Lincoln Community Support Centre, Lincoln Street, Crewe.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited Chester Barrie Austin Reed International Limited, Weston Road, Crewe. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 10: The Duke of Kent, President, Business and Technology Education Council, this afternoon received Dr Christina Townsend, Chief Executive, and Mr Parry Rogers, Chairman.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Mary Magdalen Foundation, Radford Road, Basford, Nottingham and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

Her Royal Highness later opened the Renal and Oncology Department at Nottinghamshire City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited the Nottinghamshire Hospice, Fernleigh, Woodborough Road and Hollygirt School, Elm Avenue, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire. Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 10: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Memorial Service for Mr and Mrs Aidan Crawley which was held at St Michael's, Chester Square, London SW1 today.

Luncheon

London Export Group
The London Export Group of Companies held a luncheon on Wednesday at Now & Zen to mark the Chinese New Year, "the Year of the Dog". Professor Jack Perry and Mr Stephen Perry were the hosts. The guests included:

The Chinese Ambassador, Sir Percy Cradock, GCMG, Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the Right Hon Lord Kingsdown, Lord Sharp of Grimsdyke, the Right Hon Roger Freeman, MP, the Right Hon A. Goodlad, MP, the Right Hon Sir Michael Palliser, GCMG, Sir Alan Donald, Miss Jane Asher, representatives from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department of Trade and Industry and other government departments, representatives of organisations concerned with the development of political, economic and cultural relations between Britain and China, including banks, industrial companies, trade organisations, the BBC and cultural organisations and British people born in the Year of the Dog.

Appointment

Ms Julia Lomas to be Chief Executive Designate of the Public Trust Office.



Stephen Brooks, curator of the D-Day Museum in Portsmouth, inspects effigies of President Roosevelt, left, and General Dwight Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, to appear in a tableau marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day in June

Dinners

Salters' Company
The Duke of Edinburgh attended a livery dinner held last night at Salters' Hall and presented the Salters' Prize for the teaching of chemistry to Dr Ann Hubbard of Reigate Sixth Form College. Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, Master of the Salters' Company, presided.

Corporation of London
To mark the tercentenary of the Bank of England, the Corporation of London gave a dinner last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with the Sheriffs and their ladies received the guests. Among those present were:

The Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George, the Deputy Governor and Mrs Pennant-Rae, Lord and Lady Kingsdown, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, KG, and Lady Richardson, executive directors and non-executive directors of the bank, senior officials and officials of the bank, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and her Consort, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London.

Constructors' Company
Mr Peter Olley, Master of the Constructors' Company, made presentations to the Geoffrey Williams Scholar for 1992, Miss Rebecca Bramall, and the David Tong Award winner for 1993, Mr Wilfred Dalrymple, at a livery dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins, Mr David Hutchison and Mr Denis Blackburn also spoke.

Gyosei International College
Mr Bill Emmott, Editor of *The Economist*, was the guest of honour at a dinner given yesterday by Gyosei International College at Reading University after he had delivered the third Gyosei International lecture. Professor Kazafusa Moro'oka, vice-president of the college, presided.

Memorial service

Mr and Mrs Aidan Crawley
Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr and Mrs Aidan Crawley held yesterday at St Michael's, Chester Square. The Rev Simon Crawley officiated. Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, read the lesson and Mrs Harriet Crawley Shestakov, daughter, read from the works of Li Po, Freya Stark and Lord Byron. Mr Nigel Nicolson, Mr Robert Kee and Sir Robin Day gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mr Gleb Shestakov (son-in-law), Mrs Randall Crawley and Mrs Andrew Crawley (daughters-in-law), Spencer Crawley, Aidan Crawley, Cosima Crawley, Galen Crawley, Charles Crawley and Jessica Crawley (grandchildren), Mrs H F C Holtz, Lady Goodman, Mr and Mrs Charles Swallow, Lord and Lady Guernsey, Mr and Mrs Charles Crawley, Mr and Mrs Thomas Dunne, Mrs Ian Henderson, Mr and Mrs David Bulmer, Mr and Mrs Antony Woodall, Mr and Mrs John Wauchope, Mrs David Jamieson.

The Duke of Marlborough, the Duchess of Rutland, Janet Marchioness of Milford Haven, the Countess of Airlie, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl of Longford, KG, and the Countess of Longford, Lord and Lady John Manners, Viscount Camrose, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Viscountess Lambton, Viscount and Viscountess Norwich, Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray, Nancy Viscountess Blakenham, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord Charles Cecil, Lord Hartwell, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge.

Lord and Lady Swaythling, Lord Willoughby de Broke, Lady Soames, Lord and Lady Briggs, Lord and Lady Gibson, Lady Trevelyan, Lord and Lady Rawlinson of Ewell, Jacqueline Lady Killearn, Lady Thorneycroft, Lady Northbourne, Lord and Lady Mayhew, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord and Lady Mayhew, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Wraxall.

Sir Frank Cooper, Mrs Michael Heseltine, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Helen Smith, Lady Annunziata Asquith, Lady Henrietta Rous, the Hon Kensington Davison, the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, the Hon Mrs Fionn Morgan, the Hon Lady Cazalet, the Hon Mrs Wyndham, the Hon Mrs Cullen, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon Clive and Mrs Gibson, the Hon Artemis Cooper, the Hon Lady Bonsor, the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, the Hon Nicholas Berry, the Hon Martin Fiennes.

Sir George and Lady Kennard, Sir Ian Rankin, Lady Carew-Pole, Lady Pearson, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, and Lady Cameron, Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Lady Trethowan, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Lady May, Sir Eustace Gibbs, Sir Edward Ford, Lady Hornby, Lady Holland-Martin, Sir Paul Fox, Sir Christopher Bland (LWT (Holdings)), Sir Fred and Lady Warner, Sir John and Lady Page, Sir David and Lady Nicholas, Lady Grylls, Mr Peter and Lady Elisabeth Oldfield, Mr Nat and Lady Katherine Page, Mr and the Hon Mrs Edmund Brudenell, Prince and Princess Alexander Galitzine.

Mr S Purvis (editor-in-chief, ITN) with Mr David Gordon and Mr Mike Morris; Mrs Jean Knight (Independent Television Commission), Mr Dennis R W Silk (MCC and TCCB) with Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson; Mr Andrew Knight, Mr David Hicks, Mrs Winston S Churchill, Miss Kate Trevelyan, Mr and Mrs Frank Haddock, Mr Algy Cluff, Captain David Cotton, Mr Michael Goedhuis, Mrs N Goedhuis, Mr Frank Giles, Professor and Mrs Douglas Johnson, Mr Hubert Doggart, the Rev Christopher Guinness, Mr Neville Ford.

The Head Master of Harrow and Mrs Bomford, Mr and Mrs Murray Lawrence, Dr and Mrs N MacManus, Miss E Berthoud, Mr Graham Penn, Mrs Simon Crawley, Mr and Mrs Paul Johnson, Miss D Phillips, Mr Mark Swallow, Mrs Shirley Phillips, Mr George Phillips, Mr Philip Ziegler, Mr Tim Boswell, MP, Mr Leonard Miall, Mrs Jo Redding, Mr David Gibbs, Mr and Mrs D Bossom, Mr and Mrs Alan Hutchison, Mr Christopher Gibbs, Mr and Mrs Eustace Crawley, Mr Nicholas Crawley, Mrs Stephen Stewart, Mr Phillip Whitehead, Mr Robin Lane Fox, Mrs Louisa Lane Fox.

Mr Philip Dunne, Mrs Rory Peck, Mr Victor Litvin, Commander Francis Ponsonby, Major-General C A R Nevill, Mrs Patrick Eyre, Mrs A Myrtle, Mrs J Boughey, the Rev M Berry, Mr Hugo Cubitt, Mr Mark Cubitt, Major-General Charles Vyvyan, Mrs John Hemming, Mrs Philippa Jessel, Mr and Mrs Roger Ellis, Miss Elizabeth Ward, Mr and Mrs John Phillimore, Mr and Mrs Mark Tompkins, Mr Henry Cavendish, Mrs M Mocatta, Miss Patricia Evans and Mr James Bredin.

Service dinners

HMS Southwick
Lieutenant J.M. Collin, RNR, Commanding Officer of *HMS Southwick*, was the guest of honour at a mess dinner held last night in the wardroom of Fort Southwick to mark the closure of HMS *Southwick RNR* on March 30, 1994. Lieutenant-Commander R. Duggua, RNR, presided.

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps of Royal Engineers guest night held yesterday at the Royal Engineers' Headquarters, Chatham. The Duke of Westminster and Lord Renton, QC, were also present.

University of London OTC
General Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, was principal guest and speaker at the Annual Dinner of the University of London Contingent Officers Training Corps held last night at the Contingent Headquarters. Lieutenant-Colonel M.F. Richardson, Commanding Officer, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Elizabeth of York, Consort of King Henry VII, London, 1465 (she died this day, London, 1503); William Fox Talbot, photographic pioneer, Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire, 1800; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, Milan, Ohio, 1847.

DEATHS: Jean Foucault, physicist, Paris, 1868; James Augustus Grant, African explorer, Nairn, Highland, 1892; John Buchan, novelist and politician, Montreal, 1940; Sergy Eisenstein, film director, Moscow, 1948.

Margaret Thatcher became the first woman leader of a British political party, 1975.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.G.S. Adams and Miss T.A. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Roderick Adams, of West Dulwich, London, and Theresa, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Alan Campbell, of Bartlow, Cambridgeshire.

Mr W.G. Audland and Miss M.A. Bonetti
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Sir Christopher and Lady Audland, of Ackenthwaite, Cumbria, and Antonella, younger daughter of Dr Ing Tito Bonetti and Dr Mirella Bonetti, of Rome.

Mr N.D. Carrington and Miss J.L.E. Butler
The engagement is announced between Neil Duncan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Denis Carrington, of Hornchurch, Essex, and Judith Lucy Elizabeth, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Lawrence Butler, of Weetwood, Leeds.

Mr N.P. Cobbold and Dr K.A.H. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Richard Cobbold, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and Mrs Christopher Lewis, of Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire, and Kate, daughter of Dr Keith Taylor, of Grenada, West Indies, and Dr Ann Taylor, of Oxford.

Mr E.H.A. Firth and Miss A. Garrett
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs S.D.A. Firth, of Codford St Peter, Wiltshire, and Annalissa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Garrett, of Little Baddow, Essex.

Mr M.S. Gerard-Pearce and Miss J. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Captain W.R.D. Gerard-Pearce and of Mrs M. Agnew, of Melbury Osmond, Dorset, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S.W. Clarke, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire.

Mr M.I. Ispahani and Miss E-K. Lindholm
The engagement is announced between Mirza Iraj, only son of Mr Mirza Mohamed Ispahani, of Ispahani House, Karachi, Pakistan, and Mrs Akhtar Ispahani, of Elm Park Road, Chelsea, London, SW3, and Eva-Kristina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl August Pentti Lindholm, of Stiles Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York, and Helsinki, Finland.

Mr E.C.K. Laing and Señorita B. de Zúñiga
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Laing, of Ware, Hertfordshire, and Beatriz, daughter of Señor and and Señora Mariano de Zúñiga, of Madrid, Spain.

Mr D.J.S. Longcroft and Miss J.E. Dexter
The engagement is announced between Dominic, eldest son of the late Mr James Longcroft and of Mrs Valerie Longcroft, of Gstaad, Switzerland, and Julietta, youngest daughter of the late Mr John Dexter, CBE, and of Mrs Dexter, of Grandola ed Uniti, Italy.

Mr P.H. McCarthy and Miss J.R. Olding
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs T.R. McCarthy, of Little Heath, Essex, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Group Captain and Mrs R.C. Olding, of Brook End, Brampton, Huntingdon.

Mr A.C. Neve and Miss E.A.M. Weir
The engagement is announced between Andrew, twin son of Major and Mrs R.W. Neve, of London, SW11, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Weir, of Bottisham, Cambridge.

The Rev P.V. Parker and Miss I.M. Cawte
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The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Robinson, of Walhampton School, Lymington, Hampshire, and Derryn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Edgar Horsfield, of Durban, South Africa.

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Birthdays today

Sir Ronald Arculus, former diplomat, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Berger, 69; Lord Bonham-Carter, 72; Professor Marilyn Butler, professor of English Literature, 57; Sir Alec Cairncross, chancellor, Glasgow University, 83; Mr T.L. Chambers, paediatrician, 48; Mr James Couchman, MP, 52; Mr C.H. Dearnley, organist, 64; Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor, author, 79; Sir Archibald Forster, former chairman, Esso UK, 66; Sir Vivian Fuchs, former director, British Antarctic Survey, 86; Sir Alexander Gibson, founder, Scottish Opera Company, 68; Mr Bryan Gould, MP, 55; Mr Win Griffiths, MP, 51; Mr Michael Jackson, controller, BBC 2, 36; Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, 53; Mr Leslie Nielsen, actor, 68; Miss Mary Quant, fashion designer, 60; Mr Burt Reynolds, actor, 58; the Earl of Rosebery, 65; Mr Patrick Holmes Sellors, ophthalmologist, 60; Baroness Sharples, 71; Mr Dennis Skinner, MP, 62; Mr John Surtees, former motor racing champion, 60; Mr E.W. Swanton, author and commentator, 87; Miss Mary Tregear, Oriental art historian, 70; Mr M.C. Walker, chairman, Iceland Frozen Foods, 48.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GELLATLY - Vi and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and flowers received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Rev M Herkes for her comforting service and to all who attended at Inveresk Church and Cemetery.

BIRTHS

AL-SHARHAN - On 4th February at The Portland Hospital, to Donna and Anwar, a beautiful daughter, Sophie, a sister for Tariq.

COLLISTER - On 23rd January 1994, to Dorte and Patrick Collister, a daughter, Laria Ann Lisette.

DUNCANSON - On February 9th at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, Lincs., to Amanda (née Midgley) and Jerome, a son, Peter Robin, a brother for Sophie.

FENTON - On 9th February at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Sarah (née Gauntlett) and David, a daughter, Lara Marina Alice, a sister for Victoria.

HENDERSON-CLELAND - On February 9th, to Victoria (nee Slade) and Hugh, a son, Archibald Hugh, a brother for Georgia and Charlotte.

HUTT - On 10th February, to Fiona (née Norcross) and Paul, a son, James William.

SHUFFLEBOTHAM - On January 17th, to Fiona (née Wolfe Murray) and Andrew, a daughter, Molly Rita.

STILL - On February 10th in Melbourne, to Fiona (née Erskine) and Chris, a daughter, Harriet Angela, a sister for Alexander.

VERNES - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Mattanne (née Hunt) and Jean-Philippe, a daughter, Anne-Louise, a sister for Philippine and Marguerite.

WARD - On February 3rd at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Cathy and Clive, a son, James Oliver, a brother for Alexander.

DEATHS

BOOTH - On February 8th 1994, Keith Willoughby T.D., loving and much loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. A service will be held at the Oxford Crematorium Memorial Chapel on Tuesday February 15th at 2.45 pm. Please no flowers, but donations in Keith's memory may be sent to The Gurkha Welfare Trust, Archway North, Old Admiralty Building, Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BE.

DAVENPORT - On 6th February 1994, suddenly at home in Dallas, Texas, aged 51 years, Neil, beloved and loving husband of Maureen, and son of Margaret Chapman. Dear brother of Gillian and much loved brother-in-law, son-in-law and uncle. Cremation has taken place. Memorial gathering in Colorado Springs on 14th February and on Monday 21st February at The Hilton National, Cobham, Surrey at 11.30 am. If desired donations may be made to Burwood Park School (a school for hearing impaired children) c/o RIZK, 109 Manor Road, Scunthorpe, South Humberside DN16 3PT. Personal letters welcome to above address.

DYER - On February 7th, Helen Josephine (née Hedley) died suddenly. Musical Director at St John's College 1948-1972. Founder Member and Producer of Southern Theatre Company 1963-1994. Previously a member of The Portsmouth Players and Southampton Musical Society. Requiem Mass 10.45 am Tuesday 15th February St John's R.C Cathedral, Portsmouth. Burial at Milton Cemetery, reception after burial at St John's College, Southsea. Flowers to Barrells Funeral Directors, 245 Fratton Road, Portsmouth. May she rest in peace.

GARDNER - On 8th February 1994, Geoffrey Gilbert, much loved husband of Marjory and dear father of Belinda and Susan. Private family funeral at his request. No letters please.

GRAHAM - On 7th February 1994, Phyllis Norton, aged 100 years. Wife of the late Eric Graham, sometime Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College and Bishop of Brechin. In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, she gave her body to the Anatomy Department of the University of Edinburgh. A Requiem will be held at St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, at 12 noon on Saturday 5th March 1994.

GUTHRIE - Dr. David aged 82 years. On February 10th peacefully at home with the tender loving care of the team from the Hospice and the District Nurses. Much loved husband of Sadie and dear father of Gillian and Giles, adored by his grandchildren David, Helen, Robert, Katie and Duncan. Cremation on Monday 14th February at 1 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

HADWIN - Richard Norman, MBE, on January 26th at home in Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, aged 79 (late of British Aerospace and Ferranti). Beloved husband of Mary, stepfather of Tim, brother of Mollie Forrest and brother-in-law of Kay and Peter Rush.

KENNETT - On February 8th, Anthony, Commander R.N. retired of Wrington, Bristol. Beloved husband of Patience and father of Susan, Sarah and Chantal. Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Wrington, on Friday February 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal British Legion c/o Keith C Britton and Son, Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton BS19 4JA.

MORTON - On February 9th in Harare, James Noel. In all our thoughts.

POTT - On February 8th, peacefully at home Catherine Sylvia Mary Pott. Beloved widow of Richard and much loved mother of Michael, Margaret, Andrew and Richard. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Soberton, Hants., on Monday February 14th at 11 am. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Pink and Son, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton.

ROWLANDS - Jill (Lucy Marion), LRAM, GRSM, at home in Folkestone, Kent, on 7th February. Dear wife of Mansel. To have known her is to have loved her. Funeral at St Martin's Church, Cheriton, Folkestone, on Wednesday 16th February at 1 15 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Mike Stone Cancer Research Fund, Roseacre Road, Littlebourne, CT3 1SY.

SHRIBMAN - Irving. On Thursday February 10th 1994 peacefully at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, aged 76. Dearly loved husband of Hazel and beloved father of Jonathan, Andrew, Amanda and William, father-in-law of Sheila, Anne and Marnie and grandfather of Benjamin, Hannah, Sam, Heather, Matthew and Howard. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday 13th February at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

SMYTH - On February 9th at The Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, peacefully, after a brief illness, Esther Mary, widow of Michael Joseph Smyth F.R.C.S., and beloved mother of Julian, Hugh, Eleanor, Monica and Christopher. Much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at 11.30 am at The Church of St John of Jerusalem, The Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, 60 Grove End Road, London NW8. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to the Hospital. Enquiries to A. France and Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, Holborn, London WC1N 3NH tel: 071-405 4901. Dear Jesus, Receive Her Please into Your Kingdom. On Her Soul, Sweet Jesus, Have Mercy. Amen.

VICARY - On Saturday February 5th 1994 tragically as the result of a road accident in Johannesburg, Alexander aged 29, adored husband of Tracy and devoted father of Baby Jack Pelham Alexander. Deeply loved elder son of Bill and Zanna and brother of Ben. Service of Thanksgiving at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy, nr. Winchester, on Saturday February 19th at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to The Grenadier Guards Benevolent Fund c/o B Double, R.H.Q. Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ.

WARRY - On 9th February, peacefully after a short illness, George, aged 87. Father of Joan and Diana, grandfather of Owen and Roland. Funeral Service at 2pm on Tuesday 15th February at St John's Church, Whitchurch Hill, nr. Pangbourne. Donations to Cancer Research would be appreciated instead of flowers. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., (0734) 573650

WEISS (Wells) - On 8th February in hospital, after a short illness, Julia (Julie) aged 88, for many years a devoted secretary and friend of Sigmund and Anna Freud. Cremation at 9.45 am, Wednesday 16th February, Golders Green Crematorium.

WITHYCOMBE - On 6th February 1994, peacefully at home, John Frederic Romilly, M.Chir FRCS. Much loved husband of Athene and loving father of Clare and Celia. Private funeral at his request.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HENMAN - The service for Christine I.B. Henman will take place at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday 15th February at 3pm. Funeral Directors: E.R. Hickmott & Son, Tunbridge Wells, tel: (0892) 522462.

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Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
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OBITUARIES

HERMANN ABS

Hermann Abs, German banker, died in Bad Soden, in the state of Hesse, on February 6 aged 92. He was born in Bonn on October 15, 1901.



HERMANN ABS was known in Germany as the "banker of the century" but he was always more than a money man. He understood political power — he was close to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer — and the internal workings of industry.

Abs moved onto the management board of Deutsche Bank at the age of 36 in 1938 and was until his death honorary chairman of the bank. His major contribution was towards the rebuilding of Germany after the war: by negotiating the London agreement that rescheduled Germany's foreign debt; by channelling Marshall Aid into the economy; and by helping, through a network of directorships, to formulate a comprehensive industrial policy. The banker's wartime record, however, has always been controversial.

Hermann Josef Abs was apprenticed early to a private Jewish banker, Louis David, in Bonn. For many years he was not entirely sure whether to pursue a musical or a financial career. His ambitious upper-middle-class parents ensured that he mastered both the organ and the piano. When he settled on banking he applied musical insights to financial practice: "The world of money and its abstractions cry out for order, for composition." The move from the Delbruck merchant bank to the board of Deutsche Bank was justified in similar terms. It was, he said, the difference between playing the organ of a small chapel and the organ of a cathedral. "The larger instrument seems to be more appropriate to my talent."

There was nothing very modest about this sharp-witted man; he was as vain as he was gifted. It was perhaps the flattery of Reichsbank chairman Hjalmar Schacht that drew him into the web of Nazi power. He was never a party member and he was regarded — as was Schacht — with some suspicions by the Nazi hierarchy. Yet the Deutsche Bank, partly under his management, helped to confiscate Jewish assets in the late 1930s and 1940s. Abs was involved in integrating the banking systems of occupied countries into the German economy, and he sat on the board of I. G. Farben which developed the deadly Zyklon B gas used to kill millions of Jews.

There are some episodes that balance this dismal record: in particular, he helped and protected some Jewish banking colleagues. In 1970 Abs successfully challenged in court a book that accused him of directly forcing the sale of Jewish property during the Nazi era.

The shadow, the uncertainty remained and for some years he was regarded by United States officials as a suspect character; in 1983 he was put on the US watch-list of undesirable visitors. Abs himself described his chief emotion during the Nazi years as "fright".

After the war, however, he soon regained his self-confidence. He showed real diplomatic skills in renegotiating Germany's debt with 65 creditor states in 1952. In Germany his bargaining drew some criticism but the overall result of his efforts was to make Germany creditworthy again, a critical element for the country's economic miracle and its readmission into the international community. It also showed Abs's political grasp: by freeing Germany from the burden of reparations, Abs ensured that the Federal Republic would not be crippled in the manner of the Weimar Republic.

Adenauer trusted him and hinted often that he would make Abs his foreign minister. Abs liked the idea but the offer was never made. In 1948 he was appointed head of the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau. Abs shrewdly funnelled the $20 billion aid provided under the Marshall Plan. His insider knowledge of German industry was enhanced by seats on over 30 supervisory boards. This twinning of finance and industry was one of the engines of Germany's economic recovery. Not until the 1960s was it viewed as a serious conflict of interest. A law in 1965 — the so-called Lex Abs — restricted to ten the number of supervisory board directorships that could be held by one man. Abs wryly described the law as a welcome retirement present — he had just turned 65 and was thinking in any case of winding down some of his activities.

Of all his many financial and industrial associations, it was the Deutsche Bank link that proved most enduring. When Berlin was captured in the spring of 1945, Abs escaped to Hamburg in a commandeered lorry — taking with him thousands of Deutsche Bank files. In the postwar years the big German banks were closed down since they were regarded by some Allied officers as a malign political influence, a contributory factor in the rise of Hitler. But Abs remained committed to the principle of a universal banking system and from 1948 kept in regular contact with the former directors of the bank. In 1950 Abs drafted a memorandum arguing for the restoration of the big banks and by 1952, after some tense bargaining with the Allies, he finally won his case.

Deutsche Bank never forgot about Abs's contribution and long into his retirement provided him with a large office in their Frankfurt headquarters.

Abs spent his last years as a patron of the arts, helping to fund Beethoven's birthplace in Bonn and collecting French impressionist paintings. Married with two children, he repeatedly made jokes about his advanced age and stressed he had no fear of death. At a dinner held in his honour a speaker told a story of Abs arriving in heaven and being commissioned to put order in the chaotic celestial finances. After three days Abs had drawn up his restructuring plan but it was rejected. Archangel Gabriel explained: "Unfortunately God was not prepared to settle for the deputy chairmanship of Heaven plc." Abs, hearing the familiar joke, laughed and clapped.

GRAHAM FRASER

Graham Fraser, consultant otolaryngologist, died from cancer on February 8 aged 57. He was born on May 1, 1936.

GRAHAM FRASER transformed the lives of many totally deaf people. He perceived the value of cochlear implants in the early 1980s when many in Britain were sceptical about the pioneering work in the United States. Determined to give deaf people in this country the chance to hear again, he headed a team from University College Hospital and the Royal National Institute for the Deaf which developed a simple, inexpensive implant. As the National Health Service would not provide funds, he cajoled charities until one, the Sir Jules Thorne Trust, agreed to fund 30 operations.

When these showed the value of the implant — totally deaf people could hear sound again — he fought and pleaded with the Department of Health to provide these remarkable operations on the National Health Service. This led to a dramatic and historic meeting at Richmond House five years ago.

Accompanied by four MPs and a woman patient with an implant, he sought to persuade the then Minister of State at the Department of Health, David Mellor, to provide funds. His advocacy was buttressed by the patient who impressed Mellor by understanding and responding to all his questions. The MPs were mere spectators. As a result, £3 million was provided to set up seven specialist centres. Britain's cochlear implant programme was firmly established, and thousands of deaf people will benefit from Fraser's determination.



With Lord Ashley, right, a beneficiary of the implant

His achievement was recognised last year by the award of the W. J. Harrison prize from the Royal Society of Medicine for making the greatest contribution to the advancement of knowledge in otology.

Although his cochlear implant work was his finest achievement, he was an active innovator in many fields. He never avoided the areas difficult to research and, with J. W. P. Hazell, he set up the first tinnitus clinic in Britain. At the time of his death he was working on an advanced and cheaper multi-channel implant which would be of great benefit to NHS patients.

For all his toughness, Fraser was gentle with his patients, never distancing himself from them as some consultants do. He played an active role in organisations concerned with the welfare of deaf people, such as the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, the National Association of Deafened People and others.

He was also involved in battles to defend the hospitals. When the independence of the Royal Ear Hospital was threatened, he managed to extend it for many more years than people expected.

Later, when it became part of the University College London Hospital Group, he took an active but unobtrusive part in defending these hospitals against threats from market forces.

Fraser's earnest demeanour was often belied by a sparkling sense of humour and, for a rather shy man, his outspoken determination was formidable.

This mixture of outspokenness, tact, humour and surgical skill combined to make a remarkable and greatly loved personality.

He is survived by his wife Pat, an epidemiologist, and twin daughters.

SIR NORMAN LONGLEY

Sir Norman Longley, CBE, building contractor, died on January 24 aged 93. He was born on October 14, 1900.



NORMAN LONGLEY was a leading figure in the construction industry and served as president of the International Federation of Building and Public Works Contractors in 1950 and of the National Federation of Building Trade Employers, 1955-57. When the industrial training boards were set up in 1964 he was a natural choice as chairman of the Construction Industry Training Board, and it is likely that no one else could have got off the ground a scheme which — involving the payment of levy by all and sundry — bore equally on builders who had made apprentice-training a high priority over the years, and on "national" firms which had not invariably met their training obligations. Longley's personal standing did much to calm resentments, but it was not a happy period for him, though a matter of satisfaction that the board later entered calmer waters.

Norman Longley was educated at Clifton College after which, in 1919, he joined the family firm of builders, James Longley & Company, which had been founded in Crawley, West Sussex, by his grandfather in 1863. On the company's incorporation in 1924, Norman Longley became a director and on his father's death in 1931 chairman and (with his brother Basil) joint managing director.

He relinquished the latter post in 1965. During that period the firm did much building, including St Dunstan's convalescent home, Rottingdean; the RAF rehabilitation centre, Headley; department stores for Debenhams; new boys' houses at Eton College; and a number of new churches or rebuildings, which included the reinstatement of the Bishop's Palace, Exeter, and the completion, to the designs of S. E. Dykes-Bower, of Lancing College Chapel. Several teacher-training colleges and, at Oxford, the Microbiology building, the Department of Engineering and the Biochemistry building, were also erected by the firm, as were buildings at Sussex University for Sir Basil Spence. Like most builders of note, Longleys maintained a joinery works which not only produced fine work for the restoration of the Henry VII chapel stalls at Westminster Abbey but pontoons for the bailey bridges during the Second World War.

In all this exacting work Norman Longley played a controlling part, yet made time for extra-mural activities on two wings; he made a personal contribution to the community life of Crawley and West Sussex which probably no one has surpassed, and he exerted wise influence within his own industry of building at a time when, following the war, it was much needed.

Beginning his work for local government in 1928 as a parish councillor (he sat at Crawley for 15 years) he was elected in 1933 to Horsham Rural District Council, and was its housing committee chairman until 1945 when he won a seat on West Sussex county council, resigning as an alderman in 1960. As a member of that council, he barred himself from helping to build Crawley New Town but his wise advice and the benefit of his personal standing in the community were made available to Sir Thomas Bennett, chairman of the new town corporation, and the result was what in all probability is the most successful product of the New Towns movement.

Norman Longley's second major contribution to his time came through his membership of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, the senior trade association in the industry, which he served as treasurer for six years as well as president. He was well placed to guide the industry in the critical period of re-establishment following six lean wartime years. His considerable authority and influence were recognised by successive governments. He was a member of the Wilson Committee on Noise, 1961-64, and of the Industrial Disputes Tribunal employers' panel.

His many interests notwithstanding, Longley remained to the end a lover and benefactor of his home town, Crawley. A man of boundless energy, direct of speech and universally liked, he entered into the community life at many levels (even setting aside his school rugby affiliations to play soccer for the local football club). While taking a leading part in founding or running community and other activities, in many of which he was supported by his wife Dorothy, Longley preferred to withdraw from the limelight; he was modest in the true sense. He was Deputy Lieutenant of the county and had served for 43 years until 1964 as a member of the West Sussex Special Constabulary, being awarded the Coronation Medal in 1953.

Norman Longley was made CBE in 1954 for his services to the construction industry, and knighted in 1966. He was a fellow of the Institute of Building, for which he did much on the educational side. He married in 1925 Dorothy Lilian Baker and they had two sons (now joint managing directors of the family firm) and a daughter.

THE RIGHT REV LAURENCE BROWN

The Right Rev Laurence Brown, former Bishop of Birmingham, died on February 7 aged 86. He was born on November 1, 1907.

ORDAINED in 1932, "Laurie" Brown spent more than 60 years in the Anglican ministry — 17 of them as an active bishop, first as a suffragan and then as a diocesan. Although never a national figure — he got to the House of Lords only in his last four years as a member of the episcopal bench — he represented a distinct, if slightly old-fashioned, strain within the Church of England. The phrase for it used to be "muscular Christianity".

Unlike some of the earlier exponents of it, Laurence Ambrose Brown himself came from no grand background. The shadow of Dr Arnold did not fall even vicariously over his schooldays. He went as a dayboy to Luton Grammar School and then on to Queens' College, Cambridge, where he read first history and then theology (taking a second in each). He then proceeded to train for the ministry at Cuddesdon.

There he first displayed the gift for enthusiastic leadership, which was later to become his hallmark, by his commitment to the Boy Scout movement. He enrolled nearly all of his contemporaries at Cuddesdon as Rover Scouts — quite an achievement in the normally diffident atmosphere of an Anglican theological college. But even the more reticent of his fellow students were subsequently to appreciate what he had done for them. When they reached their parishes and — whether as curates or vicars — were expected to take an interest in uniformed organisations, they found that the experience they owed to "Laurie" Brown stood them in good stead.

Brown himself fully maintained his Scouting activities, particularly during his first curacy at St John the Divine, Kennington. He became the parish scoutmaster and travelled throughout south London visiting other troops and speaking at Scout rallies (to which he would normally take along his cinematograph equipment). On these occasions he would always wear his shorts — a habit that died hard. Even as Bishop of Birmingham he once attended a lord mayor's function wearing Scout uniform (complete with shorts) — not having had sufficient time to change after attending a Scout rally.



But Brown also had administrative talents — something that was recognised when, after 14 years as a parish priest in the Southwark, Rochester and St Albans dioceses, he was appointed assistant secretary of the Southwark diocesan board of finance and of the South London Church Fund. That was in 1946 and six years later he became secretary to both bodies, combining his duties latterly with being Archdeacon of Lewisham and Vice-Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

It was Bishop Clifford Martin of Liverpool who first tempted him away from London and the Home Counties by offering him the suffragan bishopric of Warrington. Brown was then 53 and may well have thought that it would prove to be his last post. But nine years later, at the age of 62, he was — slightly surprisingly — translated to Birmingham to succeed the legendary PoW hero, Leonard Wilson. If he never made quite the same impression as his predecessor — or, indeed, as his successor, Bishop Hugh Montefiore — it may have been because he had come to a see of his own rather late in life. He retired from Birmingham at the age of 70 in 1977.

Throughout his long life, Bishop Brown's devotion to the Church of England was absolute. Moreover, from the very beginnings of his ministry, he had no doubt that the Church's work and influence depended, more than anything else, on the efficiency and pastoral sense of its parochial clergy. Even when he came to be a bishop, he still remained a parish priest at heart. This was demonstrated by the fact that, after he retired as Bishop of Birmingham, he was grateful for the opportunity to become once more a parish priest — willingly taking charge until 1984 of two village communities, Odstock and Nunton, just outside Salisbury, where he was then living.

He is survived by his wife Florence and their three daughters.

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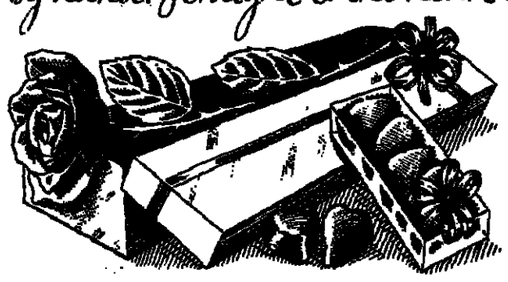
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THE RUSSIAN OUTBREAK.

FRESH COLLISIONS IN POLAND.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

WARSAW, Feb. 10

There is little change in the situation here. Work is being resumed spasmodically at the smaller establishments. In spite of intimidation, the men employed at the gasworks and the naphtha works resumed yesterday. To-day the Prefect called a meeting of the mill directors to discuss with the inspector of factories the maximum concessions possible.

In the neighbouring districts the majority of the works have been reopened, but serious news still comes from the Sosnowice district. If the strike continues there and at Dombrova there will be a fuel famine in Warsaw.

I have just received from a trustworthy source information that the wobbling at Lodz resulted to-day in a resumption by the military of their savage methods of repression. Last week trouble occurred at Golen's mill. To-day the workmen on receiving the balance of their half-pay strike wage, together with a passport signifying dismissal, assumed a threatening attitude. The infantry guard at the mill dispersed them with ten point-blank volleys. The result was 30 deaths and another harrowing list of wounded.

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"Bloody Sunday", January 22, when troops fired on defenceless workers in St Petersburg led to a series of strikes, riots and mutinies throughout Russia and Russian Poland.

SANGUINARY ENCOUNTER AT SOSNOWICE.

(From our own Correspondent)

BERLIN, Feb. 10

The anticipations entertained in Kattowitz and in other neighbouring Silesian towns that the strike at Sosnowice would come to an end without bloodshed have been rudely disturbed by the sanguinary encounter between the troops and the workmen which took place last night at the German Catherine colliery on the outskirts of the town. The strikers appear to have been engaged in intimidating a number of men who had expressed their willingness to resume work, and who were in the act of doing so when the mob surprised them and threatened them with revolvers. Military aid was hastily summoned, and the troops fired three volleys point blank at the mob, which was crowded together within the narrow precincts of the colliery buildings and refused to disperse.

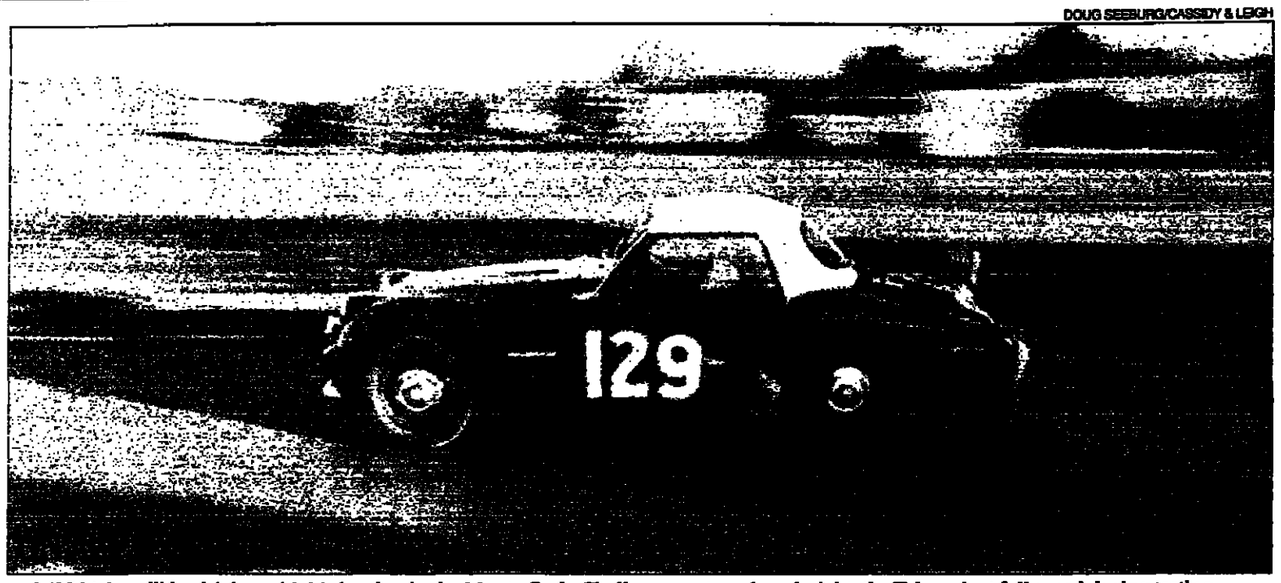
Eye-witnesses state that the dead and the wounded lay about in heaps. The estimates of the number of persons killed range from 15 to between 50 and 60, including several women and children. Some 70 persons have been severely wounded. It is impossible to state how many have been slightly wounded, or otherwise injured, but there appears to be a general agreement that they probably number over 100.

The strength of the troops in and around Sosnowice is estimated at eight battalions of infantry, eight squadrons of cavalry, and one regiment of Cossacks, all of which bivouac under arms in the streets. Minor collisions are reported as having taken place in other quarters of the town, but the result of these encounters is not yet known. In all cases the strikers are said to have been responsible for the intervention of the troops, inasmuch as they refused to obey the order to disperse, and also fired at the troops with revolvers.

MOTORING

As the Monte Carlo Rally's golden age is revived, **Kevin Eason** hails the return of high-octane, low-tech racing





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One man and his dream: Keith Glover with the Triumph TR3A he will be driving with his brother in the Monte Carlo Challenge next week and, right, the Triumph at full speed during testing

A journey back to Monte

There was a time when men were men and cars were beasts. If the gentleman amateur wanted to test his skills against machine and elements, he strapped on his goggles, donned a duffel coat and turned up for a rally equipped with little more than a screwdriver, a wrench and a bag full of hope.

Contrast that with these days of professional drivers who are strapped into high-tech machines worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, tweaked and tuned by teams of mechanics using banks of computers.

But for Keith Glover and 159 other drivers in the Monte Carlo Challenge this weekend, there will be no such back-up. They are setting out on a test of man and machine which ends either in glory ... or up to the elbows in oil. Mr Glover and his brother, Ian, are helping to revive the golden age of motoring, those postwar years when cars had distinctively recognisable shapes and the idea of a traffic jam was unimaginable.

The challenge, the biggest classic car rally of its kind, aims to emulate the Monte Carlo as it would have been in 1962.

That means the only cars eligible will have to have been manufactured up to that year; no tweaks or modern tricks are allowed. Drivers must present their cars on Sunday morning as ready to drive as the day they were made.

That is not quite as easy as it sounds, according to Mr Glover, whose Triumph TR3A will be carrying *The Times* logo, pictured, down to Monte Carlo next week. His Triumph, made in Coventry on June 3, 1958, was a £3,250 "heap of rust" when he bought it. Many weekends and £17,000 have resulted in a modern survivor of a car that almost defined the British two-seater.

In the 1950s, the TR3s, which were manufactured by the Standard-Triumph company run by Sir John Black before it was submerged in British Leyland, took on and beat the most glamorous opposition in races such as Le Mans. Their four-cylinder, 1991cc engines, derived from a Ford Dodgson tractor, and with twin SU carburettors, pumped out about 100bhp — enough to reach 122mph.

"It has been an enormous job," Mr Glover said as he packed bags and tools at his home near Guildford, Surrey. "I have done about 50 per cent of the restoration and sent the car out for the more complicated work. The result is a beautiful car close to the way it would have looked when it was first manufactured."

Mr Glover is taking time off from his job as a banker with NatWest Markets in the City to hurl the motoring love of his life through tortuous bends and along icy passes in the challenge. His brother is taking a break from his job as chief manager for NatWest's branch in Gibraltar to co-drive and navigate.

They will be among 70 starters leaving Cliffords Tower in York from 9am on Sunday, including Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat leader, at the wheel of a three-litre Rover, and Maurice Gatsonides, 81, who won the Monte in 1953 in a Ford. On Sunday, he competes in a Citroën.

The other 90 entrants start from Oslo, Salzburg, San Sebastian in northern Spain, and Noordwijk, in The Netherlands. The first part of the journey facing the Glovers is a rumbustious 359 miles on B roads to Newhaven. After the ferry trip to Dieppe, they charge down their special course through picturesque towns and cities to the meeting point of Beaune.

There the real business of rallying starts, with 160 cars from five European centres revving up to tackle the steep Alpine courses and another 706 miles. The organisers calculate that the competitors will not have to break any speed limits to reach their goal, averaging 31mph.

But the Glovers realise that a flat tyre or a breakdown could scupper their chances. And there is the weather. Several times before, blizzards have wiped out the Monte Carlo ambitions of even the best-tuned and supported cars and these drivers could be tackling tough conditions in fairly primitive protective clothing.

There is no question of fireproof overalls and insulated crash helmets. The rules are clear: crews must dress in duffel coats or flying jackets "in a traditional manner" (contemporary footwear such as trainers is also not allowed).

Even the spectators along the route on Sunday get advice for the event. The organisers say: "Those who watch the cars go by are asked to bring along a Thermos flask and a screwdriver — there is always someone trying to make the boat on time who would doubtless welcome a degree of roadside support."

For those who finish the trip in one complete undented piece, sanity and the prospect of a good dinner await in Monte Carlo — but only providing they have folowed the rules. Duffel coats and flying helmets must be abandoned for dinner jackets and black tie at dinner. It will be the perfect finish for the perfect amateur sportsmen.

Toughest event on wheels

THE Monte Carlo Rally is the most famous road rally of them all. Yet it was conceived as a quiet holiday jaunt rather than the ultra-competitive contest that has tested generations of drivers.

Antony Noghes believed that Monte Carlo's tourism needed a boost and proposed to the *Société des Bains et Mer de Monaco* that it should sponsor an automobile event to publicise the delights and warm climate of the tiny, seaside principality in winter.

The first rally in 1911 was a remarkable success, although the road sections were deliberately easy and the whole event ended with a thoroughly respectable *Concours d'Elégance*.

By 1928, drivers had turned the Monte into one of the toughest events in the world, the deep cold of the Alps snuffing out the challenge of dozens who were unable to battle through blizzards and deep snow, as well as the twisting and turning mountain route.

The challenge drew more competitors, setting off from capitals dotted around Europe, and the list of winning makes reads like a *Who's Who* of the motoring world.

In the early years, the winners included Amilcar, Invicta, Hotchkiss, Allard and Delahaye. However, the rally's most glamorous years came in the 1950s and 1960s as the names of Sunbeam Talbot, Jaguar then Mercedes-Benz, Renault, Citroën and Saab were written on the trophy before the arrival of one of the most successful modern badges — Mini-Cooper.

Minis triumphed in 1964, 1965 and 1967. The most famous victory was in 1965, when a great blizzard hit the event and only 22 cars finished out of a starting list of 237. The winner was Timo Makinen, steering his Mini through thick ice and driving snow.

After Rover, the Ginetta?

Another British car company is in danger

Another revered British car company could soon become the prized asset of a foreign country. Ginetta, launched in 1958, has an order book which stretches into the summer, with enquiries coming from as far away as Japan and Singapore.

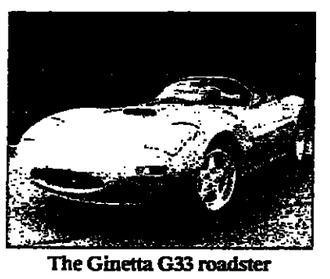
But Martin Phaff, the managing director, says he cannot raise £80,000 to increase production. However, city councillors at Uddevalla, in Sweden, have offered financial help and a new factory in which to produce the high-performance models.

In the wake of Rover's sale to BMW, Ginetta's move would signal further erosion of Britain's place as a generator of cars envied around the world. The definitive British sports car would be made by former Volvo workers in Sweden and use Volvo engines.

Mr Phaff says that his bank, the Bank of Scotland, after refusing his requests for help, recommended he find another lender. Ginetta is a tiny company that has struggled through the recession, short of cash but full of potential.

The company went into receivership in September, 1992, because of the lack of working capital but was bought back by a consortium of Mr Phaff and four dealers in France, Sweden, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

The shortage of capital still plagues Ginetta, with output of the £23,000 G33 model and the G27 kit car, which costs £2,185, restricted to about 40 cars this year. There is no money to advertise, but a Ginetta has appeared on BBC television's *All Quiet on the Preston Front*. The result was a batch of enquiries on one day alone, which Ginetta would struggle to fulfil if the interest had turned into firm orders.



The Ginetta G33 roadster

Production under the Swedish plan would be for 300 cars a year — a 700 per cent increase. It seems an offer which Mr Phaff will find difficult to refuse.

At his factory at Rotherham, Yorkshire, he said: "The frustration of this is enormous. We made a small profit this year. We have a very good forward order book but we simply cannot make enough cars.

"It seems absolutely ridiculous that we are even thinking about moving to Sweden, but there seems no way that we can expand in Britain. I do not want to go abroad and will be searching for a way to stay — but, so far, the banks have not been willing to co-operate. We are at the final stage for a decision."

The Ginetta is one of the breed of thoroughly British cars which has helped build the nation's reputation as a premier maker of sporty two-seaters. With a strong but lightweight fibreglass body, the car uses either a Ford 1.8-litre engine or a 3.9-litre from Rover.

If production moves to Sweden, manufacturing would be by workers who lost their jobs when Volvo closed a plant at Uddevalla. The British Ford engines are also likely to be replaced by Volvo two-litre engines. Mr Phaff added: "The result could be that a British company moves to Sweden."

There is some good news for British sports car enthusiasts ... and it comes from a famous business in foreign hands. Lotus, owned by Bugatti of Italy, which bought the company from General Motors, is relaunching its Elan model. A limited production run of 800 cars will be badged Elan S2 and feature few changes from the model which was run out in 1993, apart from a new high-security alarm-immobiliser system. Price: £24,500.

KEVIN EASON

A little like Nigel

WOULD-BE Nigel Mansells or Ayrton Sennas will have the chance to buy their own memorabilia later this month at Europe's largest motor-sport auction. The 6,000 items range from racing cars to factory equipment. Top bids up to £300,000 are expected for star items, including an ex-World Sports Car Championship Jaguar XJR-11. Also to be auctioned are Edwardian footwarmers and one of Nigel Mansell's racing suits from his 1992 Formula 1 championship-winning season.

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Ice run

THE team undertaking the London to New York Overland Challenge, the first trans-globe trip entirely on land, has reached the half-way point.

The two Ford Mondeos have been helped by Russian-built Ural trucks, specially kitted out as living quarters for rest breaks in between towns, which are now increasingly far apart.

With 8,500 miles covered, the team is within a few days of the Bering Straits, where it will switch to specially adapted tracked vehicles to cross the frozen sea to Alaska while the vehicles are airlifted to dry land.

ROADWISE



Volvo goes racing in Britain

VOLVO is planning to turn its boxy 850 estate car into one of the competitors in this year's British Touring Car Championships. Testing is going on to decide whether to opt for the saloon or the estate, both pictured above, but Volvo says that the estate "has shown fantastic qualities on the race track". That should be reassuring for parents who almost reach double-figure speeds on the way to school.

What a gas

FOOTNOTE to recent revelations that airbags, the latest safety craze, could injure drivers as they inflate: a west London reader points out that because the bags are inflated by a complex package of gases, the name airbags should be replaced with the new description "gasbags".

Surely that term relates to the sort of backseat driver referred to in Les Dawson-type jokes?

Dearer Fiats

FIAT is following the lead of Ford and Vauxhall by increasing prices. The cost of a Fiat has gone up on average 2 per cent, making the cheapest model, the Cinquecento £5,199, and the most expensive, the Tempra 2.0ie SX automatic, £14,298.

In come two new diesel Tipo models, the 1.6ie S at £9,349 and the 1.7 DS at £9,249.

Bumper issue

FORD has started a scheme to recycle plastic bumpers from Mondeo models into radiator grilles. The bumper is the biggest single piece of plastic on the car and has in the past presented manufacturers with the most difficult problem in the recycling process.

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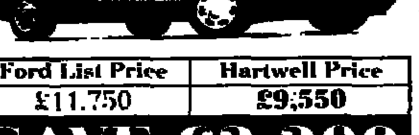
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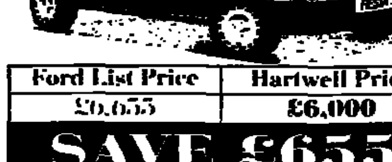
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NEWS

Britain stops Bosnia aid convoys

■ Britain has halted all aid convoys in Bosnia and pulled about a hundred convoy staff out of the republic altogether for fear of reprisals by Serbs who have been threatened with air strikes if they do not withdraw from Sarajevo.

The United Nations has also stopped humanitarian operations in Serb-held areas and aid workers have been advised to move to safe areas ..... **Pages 1, 11**

MPs held by bandits in Somalia

■ Two British MPs were freed after being abducted at gunpoint in an bandit-ridden area of Somalia. Mark Robinson, the Tory parliamentary private secretary to Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, and Tony Worthington, Labour's Overseas Aid spokesman, were held by unemployed militiamen ..... **Pages 1, 2**

NHS row

A political row erupted at Westminster as ministers accused Labour of putting forward "ludicrous" plans to reform the health service which they claimed would cost £obillion ..... **Pages 1, 8**

MP 'not unhappy'

John Major's comments on the death of Stephen Milligan are criticised by his cousin in a letter to *The Times*. Judge Tim Milligan says: "Stephen was neither miserable nor unhappy" ..... **Pages 1, 15**

Royal triumph

The Prince of Wales flew home after a 17-day tour of Australia and New Zealand that has been an unqualified public relations success ..... **Page 7**

Cruelty charge

A child of 15 months died in agony from severe nappy rash after being left in urine-soaked nappies and clothes by his cruel and neglectful parents, the Old Bailey was told ..... **Page 5**

Nurse jailed

A former psychiatric nurse who chose mentally retarded women for sex attacks was sentenced to nine concurrent terms of life imprisonment ..... **Page 3**

Terrorist sentence

The IRA terrorist who led the bombing mission which devastated Warrington gas works, Patric MacFhloinn, was jailed for 35 years ..... **Page 5**

Doing better

More parents are turning to independent schools because they are dissatisfied with state education, according to a survey ..... **Page 6**

Rejected taste

A plan for a superstore in the centre of Ludlow, Shropshire, has been rejected by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary on the ground of taste ..... **Page 7**

Trade summit

A tense summit over Japan's reluctance to open its markets to US goods will be held today between President Clinton and Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister ..... **Page 9**

De Klerk welcomed

Three black National Party supporters who had been stoned by members of the ANC welcomed President de Klerk to their squatter camp ..... **Page 10**

Tough talking

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, hailed the breakthrough in negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation as a decisive achievement but said that another month of tough talks lay ahead ..... **Page 10**

Car chase video

A £10.99 video of police car chases and manic motorway driving has become a best-seller. *Police! Stop!* will be investigated under the Government review of laws on videos ..... **Page 3**

Last run for the Olympic opener

■ Ole Gunnar Fidjestol will not now be lighting the torch at tomorrow's Olympic opening ceremony in Norway. The former world champion spent eight months perfecting his run down a 120-metre ramp and into the stadium, bearing the torch. But at the last rehearsal, Fidjestol crashed and glided into a hospital, with a twisted neck ..... **Page 1**

MIKE POWELL



Joanna Lumley and Gareth Hunt yesterday launched a BBC video in the classic television collection of *New Avengers* TV episodes

BUSINESS

City: London's pre-eminence as a financial centre is under threat unless the City radically reorganises its employment practices, says a key study on the City ..... **Page 21**

Lottery: The National Lottery contender led by Richard Branson and Lord Young of Graffham, has named Sir Campbell Adamson, president of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, as a non-executive director ..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 22.1 to 3,407.0. Sterling's index was unchanged at 80.8 after a rise from $1.4608 to $1.4617 and a fall from DM2.5698 to DM2.5637 .... **Page 24**

SPORT

Golf: Robin Mann, seeking to regain his Tour card, scored eight birdies in a round of 67 to take an early first-round lead in the Tenerife Open. Mann, 38, was 157th in the European order of merit last season and failed by one stroke to win back his card ..... **Page 38**

Rugby union: Maurice Field, the Malone centre, will win his first cap for Ireland when they play England at Twickenham on Saturday week ..... **Page 40**

Cricket: Philip Tufnell staked an early claim for an England place with immaculate spell of bowling against Barbados ..... **Page 40**

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Austerity arias: English National Opera, struggling to contain a £2.3 million deficit, has announced an adventurous season with eight new productions ..... **Page 31**

Othello danced: Irek Mukhamedov has opened at Sadler's Wells in a ballet version of Shakespeare's *Othello*. Nadine Meisner says it is all "undemanding, soft-centred choreography ..... **Page 31**

Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran praises the virtues of Creation Records; Louise Gray samples transvestite frolics at Madame Jo Jo's; and album reviews include the latest from Wynonna ..... **Page 33**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Liz McColgan, the former world 10,000 metres champion, has pulled out of the NutraSweet London Marathon because of lack of race fitness
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Fiona Fullerton was one of the celebrities who supported the campaign that has helped to save the Royal Marsden Hospital
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Christine Robertson, the widow of the police sergeant stabbed as he tried to stop a raid on a post office, visited the scene of his death
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Sex and the public schools

■ Does co-education in the independent schools lead to the sexual intimidation of girl pupils?

The food of love

■ Hattie Ellis urges us to cast aside the cutlery and dig our hands into dishes of pure sensual pleasure

Comedy at every port

■ Soon every railway station, airport lounge and hospital will have a vending machine selling comedy on cassette-tapes of classic radio shows. At least, that is the aim of two of Britain's sharpest young entrepreneurs

TELEVISION

Alexei Sayle launches a design competition with a jocular style which contains serious points. *BBC Design Awards 1994* (BBC2, 9.30 pm) ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Better day in Bosnia

The Geneva talks nearly seized up again last night. Western governments must now take over **Page 15**

What the Butler said

Sir Robin Butler's remarks this week have epitomised the distaste many civil servants still feel for public scrutiny in general and the Scott enquiry in particular **Page 15**

Health fudge

Labour should soften its hostility to the private sector, in substance if not in words ..... **Page 15**

OBITUARIES

HOWARD DAVIES

Who paid for the extravaganza of the opening and closing ceremonies of the Barcelona Olympics? We did — at least 45 per cent of the cost was paid by the European Commission ..... **Page 14**

BERNARD LEVIN

Good neighbours are among the very greatest boon the world offers, and bad ones the greatest calamity ..... **Page 14**

OBITUARIES

Hermann Abs, German banker; Graham Fraser, consulting otolaryngologist; Sir Norman Longley, building contractor; the Right Rev Laurence Brown, former Bishop of Birmingham ..... **Page 17**

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A doctor accuses the NHS of racial discrimination ..... **Page 15**

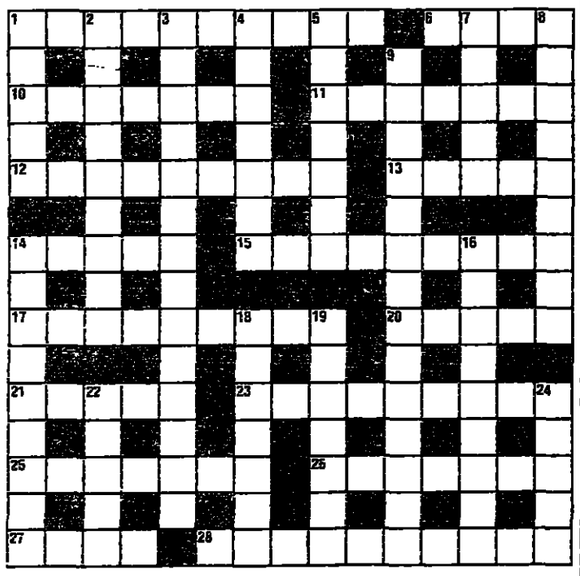
THE PAPERS

If the ultimatum does not end the siege of Sarajevo, it will quickly come to seem merely an elaborate evasion in the wake of an extreme provocation — *Los Angeles Times*

Bosnia is not a ward of Nato or the UN but a violated sovereign state. The best thing the world can do for it is to get out of the way and let it defend itself — *The New York Times*

Smart policy requires not a mindless Nato whack, as emotionally satisfying as that might briefly be. It requires political thinking to link *military acts to a negotiated peace* — *The Washington Post*

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday Highest day temp, Worcester Swansea, 11C (52F); lowest day max, Dunkeld, Scotland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall, Kinloss/Cawdor and Ardersier, Highland, 0.15in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 7.9hr

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☐ **General:** after an early frost in many central areas of England and Scotland it will be bright and dry but rather cool near the North Sea coast. Cloud in the extreme west during the morning will edge slowly into most western counties with outbreaks of rain.

It may brighten up for a time in Northern Ireland later

Frost will return to the Midlands and eastern areas during the evening

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England:** there will be frost at first. Dry with sunny periods. Wind southeasterly mainly moderate. Max 7C (45F)

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands:** dry with sunny periods but it will be cloudy later. Wind southeasterly moderate. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. Wind mainly southerly light to moderate. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** dry with sunny periods. There will be some cloud later. Wind south or southeast mainly moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook for the weekend:** becoming colder with frost at night and wintry showers in the east.

AROUND BRITAIN

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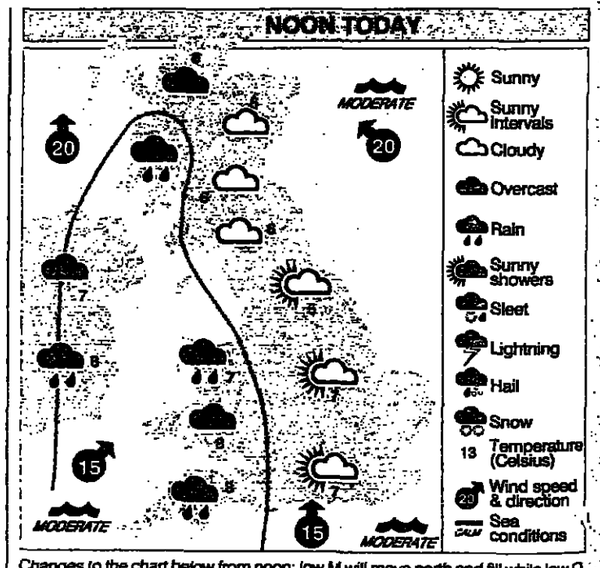
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Aberystwyth	4.7	-	8	46	b	Lowestoft	5.0	0.01	-	-	s
Aberdeen	1.0	0.07	6	43	h	Manchester	4.0	0.04	-	-	s
Alvemore	1.6	0.38	7	45	sn	Margate	x	0.01	-	-	s
Belfast	2.3	0.01	7	45	sn	Minehead	x	0.03	9	48	s
Birmingham	5.6	-	8	46	s	Morecambe	1.6	0.23	7	45	s
Bognor R	6.7	0.02	9	48	s	Newcastle	x	-	-	-	-
Bournemouth	6.7	0.04	9	48	s	Newquay	x	-	-	-	-
Bristol	4.3	0.01	9	48	s	Norwich	5.0	0.02	8	46	c
Buxton	3.7	0.09	5	41	s	Nottingham	5.2	0.03	8	46	c
Cardiff	5.1	0.11	9	48	s	Penzance	4.0	0.03	10	50	s
Clacton	6.8	0.02	9	48	s	Plymouth	4.7	0.01	9	48	s
Cleethorpes	x	-	-	-	-	Poole	4.4	-	9	48	s
Colwyn Bay	6.5	0.03	8	46	s	Ross-o-wye	3.6	-	9	48	s
Cromer	5.6	0.03	8	46	s	Ryde	x	-	-	-	-
Eastbourne	7.9	0.06	9	48	s	Salcombe	x	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	7.0	0.01	9	48	s	Sandown	7.3	0.06	10	50	s
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Glasgow	4.6	0.09	9	48	sh	Skegness	5.2	0.06	-	-	s
Guernsey	-	0.16	11	52	c	Southend	6.1	x	x	x	s
Hastings	5.2	0.04	9	48	s	Southport	5.2	0.13	7	45	s
Hayling I	x	-	-	-	-	Southsea	6.3	0.02	9	48	s
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Isle of Man	2.8	-	7	45	r	Tenby	7.5	0.01	9	48	s
Jersey	-	0.19	9	48	r	Tiree	0.1	0.07	8	46	sn
Kinloss	1.2	0.28	9	48	sh	Torquay	5.3	0.03	10	50	s
Leeds	3.8	0.01	8	46	s	Tynemouth	x	-	-	-	-
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Lowestoft	5.2	0.01	9	48	s	Weymouth	3.5	0.02	9	48	s
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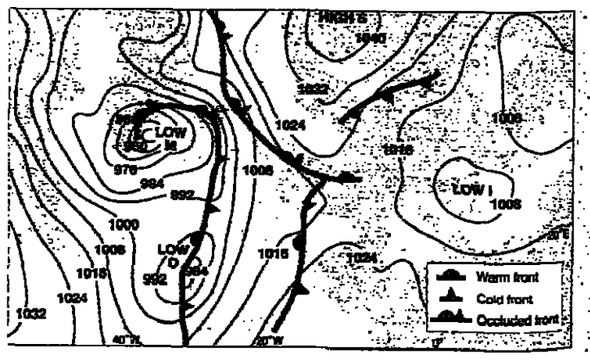
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Alexandria	16	64	s	Dubrovnik	9	48	r	Melbourne	19	66	s
Algiers	16	61	r	Faro	18	64	s	Mexico C	11	52	s
Amsterdam	5	41	c	Florence	8	46	s	Miami	26	82	r
Athens	12	54	r	Frankfurt	5	41	c	Milan	7	45	r
Bahrain	21	70	s	Funchal	17	63	r	Montreal	-19	-2	sn
Bangkok	33	91	r	Geneva	7	45	c	Moscow	-14	7	s
Barbados	27	81	r	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Munich	2	36	sn
Barcelona	14	57	s	Helsinki	-13	9	r	Nairobi	30	86	r
Beirut	18	64	r	Hong K	15	59	r	Naples	12	54	s
Belgrade	4	39	r	Innsbruck	2	36	r	N Delhi	28	66	s
Berlin	5	41	r	Istanbul	6	43	r	N York	-7	19	sn
Biarritz	10	50	r	Jeddah	29	84	s	Nice	12	54	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	21	70	r	Oslo	3	37	c
Brussels	7	45	c	L Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	8	46	r
Budapest	6	43	s	Lo Tgust	8	46	r	Peking	1	34	c
B Aires	25	77	r	Lisbon	13	55	s	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Locarno	8	46	s	Prague	4	39	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	L Angels	14	57	c	Reykjavik	0	32	c
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Wellington	23	68	c								
Zurich	3	37	c								

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low M will move north and fill while low O will move northeast and maintain its central pressure. High S will drift south and build and low I will drift south and fill.



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.13	7.02	2.39	7.21	Liverpool	11.46	9.52	—	—
Aberdeen	1.48	4.19	1.50	4.40	Lowestoft	10.12	2.40	10.09	2.61
Avonmouth	7.45	13.33	8.04	13.15	Margate	12.18	4.58	12.53	4.58
Belfast	11.33	3.02	11.56	3.32	Milford Haven	6.41	7.06	7.00	6.65
Cardiff	7.30	12.32	7.49	12.15	Newquay	5.31	7.10	5.50	6.50
Devonport	6.09	5.50	6.32	5.20	Oban	6.09	4.10	6.23	3.80
Dover	11.37	6.41	11.51	6.65	Penzance	5.05	5.60	5.29	5.30
Falmouth	5.39	5.30	6.02	5.00	Portland	7.13	2.20	7.35	2.00
Glasgow	1.25	4.60	1.37	5.10	Portsmouth	11.50	4.70	—	—
Harwich	12.04	3.88	12.27	3.94	Shoreham	11.55	6.39	—	—
Holyhead	10.45	5.66	11.09	5.37	Southampton	11.21	4.44	11.51	4.54
Hull	8.51	7.09	8.54	7.63	Swansea	6.46	9.64	7.04	8.40
Ilfracombe	6.29	9.33	6.46	9.10	Tees	4.14	5.15	4.19	5.41
King's Lynn	7.02	6.40	6.59	6.80	Wilton-on-Nze	—	—	12.20	4.45
Leith	3.04	5.43	3.18	5.55					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.23 am
Sun sets: 5.08pm
Moon sets 6.39 pm
Moon rises 7.13 am

London 5.08 pm to 7.23 am
Bristol 5.18 pm to 7.32 am
Edinburgh 5.08 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 5.11 pm to 7.36 am
Penzance 5.33 pm to 7.41 am

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Favourite emerges for BAe chairmanship



Bauman: leaving SB

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

BOB BAUMAN, the chief executive of SmithKline Beecham, is emerging as the favourite to take over the chairmanship of British Aerospace following the departure of John Cahill. An announcement on the departure of Mr Cahill and his successor is believed to be imminent.

It is understood that BAe officials are finalising details of the appointment of a successor whose name should be announced within a few days. Mr Bauman earned £2 million, including options, last year and is one of the highest paid executives in Britain. He retires from SmithKline Beecham at the end of April, upon reaching the retirement age of 62. Before accepting the job of chief executive of the troubled Beecham group in 1986, Mr Bauman had been vice-chairman of Textron, the American aerospace and finance group. Before that he was with General Foods. Mr Bauman is in America on SmithKline business this week and declined to comment on suggestions that he will become chairman of BAe.

In October, Mr Bauman had appeared ready to accept the non-executive chairmanship of Arjo, the Swedish medical equipment group, just before its London flotation. But he decided not to accept the appointment at the last minute.

Mr Bauman is no stranger to controversy over high pay. An American citizen, he became the second-highest paid British executive, to fellow American Richard Giordano, when he accepted the Beecham job. Some SmithKline shareholders have questioned Mr Bauman's high pay package.

He is credited with having restored the fortunes of Beecham and with the SmithKline merger. Mr Bauman arrived after a ten-month search in 1986 for a chief executive after a boardroom coup that saw the departure of Sir Ronald Halstead and the appointment of Lord Keith as stand-in chairman.

If he accepts the BAe chairmanship, Mr Bauman will be immediately stepping into controversy. It was revealed this week in The Times that Mr Cahill will receive about £10 million for his two years' work as chairman of BAe, made up of a £9 million profit on share options and a £1.5 million compensation payment.

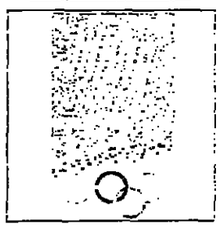
Mr Cahill, 65, was on a five-year £540,000 a year contract and given the option to buy BAe shares worth £2.2 million at prices prevailing in September 1992 about 113p, compared to last night's close of 549p. Mr Cahill, the former chief executive of BTR, the engineering conglomerate, was brought into BAe in April, 1992, to restructure the group after an emergency rights issue and huge losses. Mr Cahill now feels this task has been largely completed and is said to want to spend more time with his family in America.

During his time at BAe Mr Cahill has preferred, where possible, to work from his American home. His departure is expected to clear the way for the sale of Arlington's retail property interests and the ultimate formation of a joint venture defence company with GEC's Marconi subsidiary to create a world number two to Martin Marietta of America.

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Robert Ballantyne

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Further 60,000 BT jobs could be axed

THE workforce of BT could fall by a further 60,000 from its present 160,000 without harm to the current level of service, the telecommunications company has said.

BT, which has annually shed thousands of staff since its privatisation with a workforce of 240,000 ten years ago, says that no firm decisions on future job losses have been taken *beyond the 15,000 set to go* both in the current financial year and in 1994-95.

However, yesterday's admission, which accompanied third-quarter figures at the top end of *market expectations*, suggests further potential for cost-savings.

Robert Brace, the finance director, said that further job cuts would depend on the introduction of new technology and other efficiencies, while any expansion of the group's market would require further staff to be hired. "We think if nothing else changes . . . we can see ways of improving productivity that could take us down to 100,000," he said.

Third-quarter pre-tax *profits to end-December* fell by £7 million, to £698 million, but the reduction comes after a £125 million rise in redundancy payments. On a like-for-like basis, earnings per share *rose 6.3 per cent*, to 8.8p.

For the first three quarters of the year, pre-tax profits were £2,198 million, against *£1,732 million*, but, on a like-for-like basis, earnings per share were up 2.2 per cent, at 26.0p.

Profits were lifted by rising call volumes, traditionally a clear sign of *economic recovery*, and in spite of price cuts. On a 12-month moving average, inland calls rose by 4 per cent and international calls by 7 per cent.

Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, said: " It is encouraging that we continue to achieve steady volume growth despite growing *competitive pressures*."

A total of 7,000 people left BT in the first nine months under this financial year's job reduction programme, Release 93. The rest of the planned job losses will be spread over the last quarter.

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City 'must shake up or fall behind'

■ Low morale and and lack of motivation in the City could cause up to 75,000 people to change jobs during 1994 with the potential for enormous business disruption

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LONDON'S pre-eminence as a financial centre is under threat unless the City radically reorganises its employment practices, a key study said yesterday.

The study, launched at the *Bank of England, is supported* by a range of institutions, including the Bank, the Stock Exchange, Lloyd's, National Westminster, Abbey National, and Royal Insurance. The Create study said that more than 50,000 jobs have been lost in the City in 1990-93 — as many as were created in the period leading up to Big Bang in 1986, when the City was deregulated.

Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, Milan and Madrid are now mounting "formidable challenges" to the City, the study said, warning that the *City's competitive edge has* been diminishing as other centres have used it as a benchmark for their own growth. It raises the prospect of the City being only first among equals in five years' *time*.

If, as the report recommends, the City deals with its hidden rising costs, including poor communication and managerial inefficiencies, and embraces cultural and employment change, then business volumes will rise, leading to new jobs. With high competitiveness and high growth, *up to 53,000 jobs could* be created by 1998. The more likely forecast, assuming unchanged competitiveness and *modest growth, sees the creation* of 21,000 jobs, while the worst-case forecast, resting on declining competitiveness and low growth, would lead to the loss of 17,000 jobs.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, National Westminster chairman, said that to maintain its momentum at the forefront of global financial competition, London had to adjust to fresh competition from Europe: "Only by improving our service quality through rising efficiency can the sector as a whole retain its competitive edge and can London reinforce *its position as Europe's* premier financial centre."

Warning that service institutions such as the City are now "exposed to the same forces that started the terminal decline of many manufacturing industries", *the report*, by the London Human Resources Group, warned of a "gathering storm" over the City.

Geoff Tucker, chairman of the group, said: "Only belatedly is the City waking up to this fact. Its massive rationalisation in the last three years has been necessary — but it is not sufficient."

The study, carried out for the group by the Create employment research body and based on a survey of more *than 350 City institutions*, stressed the need for the City to reform its employment practices — partly because staff now comprise 50-80 per cent of the City's costs, and partly because "the City no longer trades in *money*: it trades in knowhow".

Staff motivation and morale in the City have "hit an all-time low" in the recession, and the improvement in the economy is likely to lead to widespread job-swapping in the City — up to 75,000 people may move jobs this year, the study says — with "enormous" potential for *business disruption*.

The study says that clerical and similar City jobs will continue to be cut, while there will be a hard-to-meet demand for more than 30,000 new high-skill "knowledge workers", which the City needs.

☐ London's success as the world's best business capital depends on a partnership between government and business, the CBI said. Ian Reeves, chairman of the CBI's London region, told industrialists and MPs in the City: "London is so very nearly the world's best business capital."

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Alan Sugar says the search for a chief executive for Amstrad is still going on

Sugar warns that Amstrad may dip into the red

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ALAN Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, gave warning that the computer and consumer electronics group was *likely* to fall into the red this year after disappointing trading.

Pre-tax profits plunged to just £1.7 million in the six months to December 31, compared with £5.6 million the *previous time. Mr Sugar said* that as second-half sales volumes were traditionally lower, the target set would be difficult to achieve, particularly if the upturn in the UK economy did not translate into consumer confidence. "Shareholders should recognise the possibility of the company turning in a loss for *the full year*."

The interim dividend is held at 0.2p, but Mr Sugar hinted that the final payment could be cut, saying: "The level of the final dividend will be considered in the light of the second-half trading results." Sales in the first half, usually Amstrad's strong selling season, fell from £202.2 million to £139.9 million. Mr Sugar described the performance as disappointing, but added that the fall in sales volumes was partly due to the decision to reduce activity in low-margin products.

He said margins in the consumer electronics industry were under pressure "due to an over-supply of product, price-cutting and depressed demand", with high street retailers passing on the pain of lower prices to their suppliers. Dixons, Britain's leading electrical retailer, issued a profit warning last month *after a fall in volumes and* prices of computer games.

The company has cash balances of £143 million, but Mr Sugar said it would not be rushed into making acquisitions. "Those that we have studied so far present too great a risk to shareholders' funds." But he acknowledged that Amstrad's current trading position was "*obviously* not acceptable in profit and growth terms". Mr Sugar has promised to share power in the company he founded, but said the search for a new chief executive was still going on.

Amstrad's share price *fell* 3½p, to 41½p, as analysts cut their full-year forecasts by about £10 million, to between break-even and £5 million. The shares remain well above the 30p offered by Mr Sugar when he sought to buy back the company just over a year ago.

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Charities back lottery bid

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

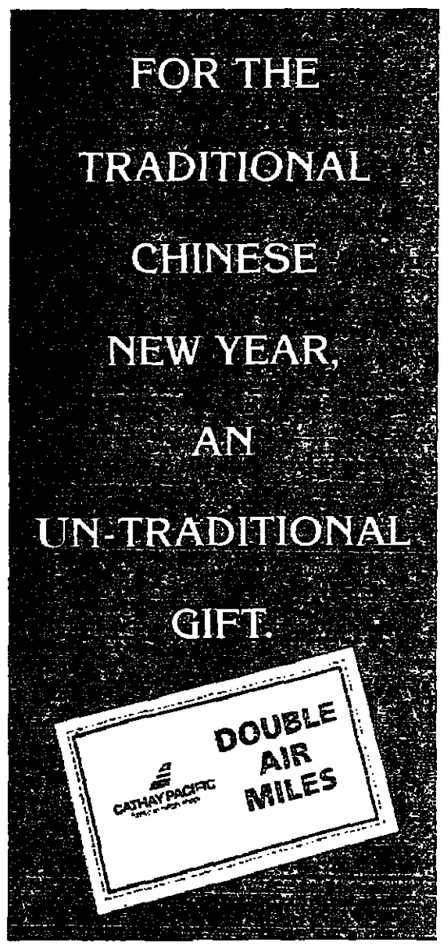
WITH Monday's deadline for *bids* to run the National Lottery closing fast, the contender led by Richard Branson and Lord Young of Graffham staged a coup by naming Sir Campbell Adamson, the president of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), as a non-executive director.

Sir Campbell not only heads one of Britain's leading charitable organisations but was, until 1991, the chairman of Abbey National, the deputy chairman of which, Peter Davis, has been chosen as the first director-general of the National Lottery. The Lottery Foundation, the Branson-Young bid vehicle, announced that it would strengthen its board, if it secured the lottery licence, by appointing Sir Alan Hardcastle as a non-executive director. Sir Alan is chairman of the regulatory board of Lloyd's of London and a former head of the Government Accountancy Service.

The recruitment of the president of the NCVO, *the patron* of which is the Queen, coincided with endorsement of the Lottery Foundation bid by the Charities Aid Foundation, the patron of which is the Duke of Edinburgh. The Branson-Young company says it will give all lottery proceeds to charity.

Despite Sir Campbell's support for the Lottery Foundation, a spokesman for the NCVO said the organisation had not endorsed a specific company, but supported the bid that would have the best overall impact on charities.

Among the seven other contenders for the lottery licence, *due to be awarded in May*, only Rainbow Group, led by Sir Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, and Richard Wheatley, chairman of Leo Burnett, the advertising agency, has promised to donate proceeds to charity.



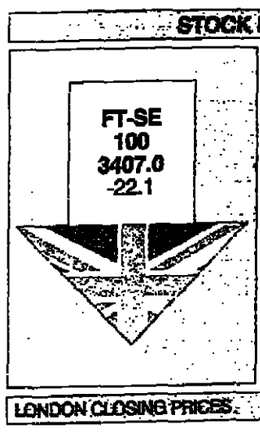
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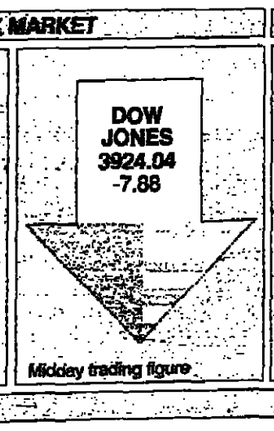
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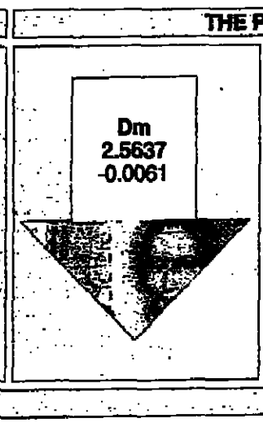
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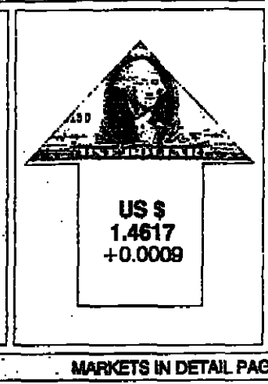




Midday trading figure

THE POUND





GOLD

$382.30 per oz.

BRENT CRUDE

$13.60 per barrel (Mar)

6pm

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MPs see oriental destiny for UK

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN could become the "Hong Kong of Europe". Conservative MPs said yesterday as the Commons employment committee declared that there are no significant dangers to British jobs from UK firms investing abroad.

Though the committee was divided on how much Britain's relatively low labour costs attract foreign companies, it agreed unanimously on the need for the Government to set coherent objectives for industry and employment.

However, Tory members of the committee spoke favourably of Britain taking on the mantle of Hong Kong in Europe — entrepreneurial and economically successful.

Speaking at the launch of a report by the committee, Oliver Heald, Conservative MP for Hertfordshire North, said: "Britain has the possibility of making its future as the Hong Kong of Europe". This arose from Britain's position off the Continent and its potential to be a "vital" economy of Europe and increasingly attractive to inward investors because of the Government's deregulation programme, he said. That was the view of Conservatives on the committee, Mr Heald said.

Greville Janner, Labour chairman of the committee, said that labour costs were important. The question was what priority inward investors gave them.

The committee, reporting on its enquiry into the import and export of jobs, said that British investment abroad often complemented, rather than replaced, investment here.

It found no convincing evidence that jobs created in the UK by inward investment were inferior to jobs that UK firms created here.





Frank Barlow of Pearson, left, and Lord Hollick of MAI will join forces to bid for the Channel 5 licence

Time, Pearson and MAI to bid for Channel 5

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

TIME WARNER, the US media giant, has teamed up with Pearson, the publishing group, and MAI, Lord Hollick's financial services to broadcasting group, to launch a bid for the Channel 5 terrestrial television licence, which they expect to be advertised in the next few weeks.

The three companies are to invest about £100 million in equal shares in Channel 5 Holdings, which will launch a network of metropolitan stations covering two thirds of the country. They are looking for further partners in Britain to help finance the service, which could be on air by late 1995.

The Independent Television Commission will decide this spring whether to re-advertise Channel 5 as a terrestrial service or whether to hold over the frequency for digital television later this decade.

A spokesman said: "We will not be rushed into making a decision just because of this announcement. There are still a lot of technical and other problems to iron out with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Government."

The ITC scrapped its original plans to launch a fifth terrestrial service in December 1992 and refused, largely on financial grounds, to give the licence to a consortium backed by Thames TV, now controlled by Pearson. The original franchise advertisements entailed a built-in cost of around £75 million for retuning up to 7 million video recorders that would have suffered interference from Channel 5.

MAI, which controls the ITV company Meridian and is aiming to take over Anglia, said that technical progress had been made to minimise interference. The company said that it hoped eventually to reduce its stake in Channel 5 Holdings to 20 per cent, to remain within television ownership restrictions. The station would broadcast general entertainment programmes and films, primarily from Thames' and Time Warner's archives, and commission new material. Up to six hours a day of its output would be contracted out to local broadcasters in major metropolitan areas, starting with Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham and London.

Frank Barlow, managing director of Pearson, said: "We know that there are a lot of people interested in joining the core consortium we have formed." Although Pearson sees Channel 5 as an opportunity to sell Thames' programmes, he added, there would be no fixed supply contracts with any programme makers.

Anglia TV bid blocked

MAI's agreed bid for Anglia TV has been temporarily blocked by the competition authorities until the companies give undertakings to cut their share of the TV advertising sales market (Martin Waller writes). Between them, the airtime sales houses in which Meridian, 61 per cent owned by MAI, and Anglia have interests control 40 per cent of the ITV advertising airtime sales market. The requirement to give undertakings, requested by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was urged by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director-General of Fair Trading, because the bid prompted "significant competition concerns" in the sale of TV airtime. The undertakings are expected to be given.

VW chief to testify in spying enquiry

By Colin Narbrough

ULRICH Seiffert, a main board director of Volkswagen, the German carmaker, today goes before a grand jury in Washington that is investigating allegations of industrial espionage by VW against General Motors.

The American dimension of VW's legal battle with GM has already led to Jens Neumann, a fellow director of Herr Seiffert, being questioned and fingerprinted by US justice officials investigating allegations brought by GM and Opel, its German subsidiary.

So far, the focus of the battle has been in Germany, where most of the alleged industrial espionage is said to have taken place. Herr Seiffert, who heads development at VW, is the first director to go before the grand jury, which has to decide whether to open a formal prosecution. VW, encouraged by the recent Frankfurt court ruling against a GM request to ban a batch of former GM executives from working at VW, appears increasingly optimistic about remaining court cases in Germany.

VW also seems confident that it has nothing to fear in America. A spokesman said Herr Neumann had volunteered his fingerprints during a visit to US justice authorities in January to demonstrate that he was not connected with documents removed from GM by executives who switched to VW last year.

Ferdinand Piëch, VW's management board chairman, shocked corporate Germany again last week by sacking Franz-Josef Kortüm, head of VW's Audi luxury car subsidiary, only 13 months after picking him for the job. Herbert Demel, Audi's development chief, was chosen to succeed Herr Kortüm.

Herr Piëch's merciless, cost-cutting management style has not only brought radical changes on pay and working hours at VW, but has led to the dismissal of several main board directors and heads of subsidiaries.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Engineers expect 47,000 jobs to go this year

BRITAIN'S economic recovery is threatened by its trade deficit, engineering companies said yesterday as they forecast that a further 47,000 jobs are likely to go in engineering this year. The warning from the EEF, engineering employers, about the danger of the balance of trade comes in advance of new government trade figures this morning, which City forecasts expect to show a sharp worsening of Britain's trade balance.

While accepting that current official statistics made it difficult to determine accurately the trend in trade, the EEF, in its latest forecasts, said that the trade deficit could be an "inhibiting factor" to the recovery of the UK economy. The EEF said that while the trade deficit had narrowed a little last autumn, engineering companies believed that it was beginning to widen again. Engineering exports will continue to grow, the EEF said, but imports will rise at a similar rate, leaving engineering products still in deficit.

United Carriers to float

UNITED Carriers, the road transport group, plans to go public next month by way of a placing of shares with institutions. It is estimated that United, a management buyout from Bunzl in 1991, will be capitalised at between £50 million and £55 million. The proceeds of the flotation will be used in the short term to cut debt and bolster the balance sheet; in the next few years, the group plans to invest £7 million in developing its depot network. It made operating profits of £5.25 million in 1993, on turnover of £106.4 million.

Dawson facing loss

THE cost of sorting out its American fleece and jersey businesses is set to plunge Dawson International, the textile group, into the red. The group, owner of the Pringle and Ballantyne cashmere brands, is to make "a very substantial provision", yet to be quantified, in the current year's accounts after a review of J.E. Morgan Apparel, its fleece and jersey business, which makes T-shirts and sweatshirts. Dawson also said that increasing penetration of cheap imports was hurting its home fashion business. Tempus, page 25

Cutbacks at Eastern

EASTERN Electricity, the biggest electricity distributor in England and Wales, is to cut 250 white-collar jobs in a money-saving reorganisation. Eastern said that it believes that the jobs can be lost by voluntary severance. It employs 5,700, and has cut 2,000 jobs since privatisation in 1991. Shares of PowerGen and National Power, the electricity generators, fell ahead of a watchdog ruling today on whether to refer their industry to the Monopolies Commission.

Outsider to head GRE

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange, the composite insurer, has for the first time appointed an outsider as chief executive. The group has brought in John Robins from Willis Corroon, the insurance broker, to succeed Sid Hopkins, 62, whose retirement is imminent. Mr Robins, 54, is group finance director at Willis and chairman of UK and US underwriting operations. His successor is Richard Dalzell, finance director of Willis's worldwide direct broking business.

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☐ The European threat to London ☐ Decision time for Lloyd's names ☐ Amstrad heads for a loss

Why the City cannot be careless

☐ BEARERS of "end of the world" placards are invariably ignored; not least because it is they, rather than the world, that give the appearance of being under threat. Dire warnings from the London Human Resource Group over London's future as the business capital of Europe cannot necessarily be shrugged aside in quite the same way. Members of the LHRG include representatives from 17 institutions with the likes of the Bank of England, the London Stock Exchange, NatWest, Kleinwort Benson and Coopers & Lybrand serving to give the flavour. Put another way, this is the City warning about the City, with not a little help from Amin Rajan, a "personal member" of the LHRG and visiting professor at the City University Business School.

It is the City that is highlighted in the LHRG publication, *Winning People*, but, by way of extrapolation, the headline argument is that the UK's service institutions are now exposed to the same forces that started the terminal decline of so many of our manufacturing industries. All the stuff that culminated in BAe's recent handshake with BMW. Bye-bye Rover.

Irrespective of the economic recovery, we are given to believe that those industries that oil the City's wheels (such as banking, securities dealing, insurance, accountancy and specialist finance) are flexing their muscles in anticipation of a "potentially more threatening era". As many of the unemployed suspected, action has already been taken in the wake of the 1990-92 blot on economic strategy. This has involved three hitherto "unthinkables", namely revamping physical processes and corporate structures; discarding the hallowed notion of job security; and shedding 50,000 jobs, equivalent to all the employment created by Big Bang in 1986.

Such changes aim to achieve longer term profitability by improving service quality and productivity while generating economies of scale. The good news is that this has created a "huge potential" for ongoing improvements in productivity. Then again, there is the matter of bridging the gap between potential and actual productivity levels; the critical factor being "the development of a new breed of staff with relevant knowhow and values". One problem cited is that "staff motivation and morale have hit an all time low in the majority of institutions because employers' initiatives are seen as long on intentions and short on deliverables." Not, presumably, at Goldman Sachs.

With the new performance-driven perspective yet to be "clearly articulated and communicated" the City is left with a culture problem, all the more serious in that it no longer trades in money but in knowhow. And, this, says the placard, will undermine the City's ability to compete effectively with Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, Milan and Madrid. To lose our manufacturing industry may be a misfortune, to lose our service industry would look like carelessness.

On the buffers at Lime Street

☐ AFTER weeks of angst-ridden deliberations over whether to accept the Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer the "shall I, shan't I" waverings come to an end at 3pm on Monday.

In true Lloyd's fashion, the decision to accept or reject the offer is not straightforward. As Lloyd's chief executive Peter



Middleton said at the unveiling of the offer, it resembles a Rubik cube with a seventh side. What he failed to add was that Lloyd's names were split into as many, if not more, camps.

There is a divide between litigating and non-litigating names. Only litigating names stand to benefit from any successes of the court actions. So, do non-litigants have any incentive to reject the offer?

The problem remains of future, and in many cases as yet unknown, losses. Acceptance of the offer means names have to give up their litigation rights for the years covered by the offer. But names can still sue for losses relating to years not covered.

There is also the divide between names who are writing on at Lloyd's in the hope of recovering part of their losses from future profits, and those who cannot or will not write on.

There are obvious advantages for names trading on — the settlement offer can be used to ease their solvency requirements, go towards meeting 1991 losses and reinstate stop-loss policies to the extent that claims made on them are repaid.

On the other hand, the litigation route, if successful, will put hard cash straight into names' hands. The question is, how much and when?

Litigation can drag on; judgment first, possibly followed by appeal, and then a ruling on how much has to be paid out. It could be fairly swift for some, and a lengthy affair for others. The choice is some money now against some money later. On top will be the legal costs — of both sides.

Another divide is between names with so-called "strong" and "weak" cases. Many names are on action groups that fall into both camps. So a name has to take a view on whether the offer is likely to be more or less than the sum of all actions.

The next unknown is how much money is there to meet claims and where does it fall? Some agents have more errors and omissions insurance cover than they are being sued for, other have less.

So what's it to be? The simple answer is there is no simple answer. Names have paid their money and must make their choice. But all have paid their money . . .

Another bitter pill from Sugar

☐ EVER since his 30p-a-share offer for Amstrad was slung out by shareholders in December 1992, Alan Sugar has done his best to make the company's prospects sound thoroughly miserable. Now he warns those same ungrateful shareholders that their cherished business might be heading for a loss in the full year and that even the token 0.3p final dividend is in danger. Every sentence of the chairman's statement contains the same powerful sub-text — "you should have taken the money while you had the chance".

The consumer electronics market is certainly not booming, but it is hard to escape the feeling that Amstrad shareholders are being softened up for another offer. Amstrad looks like it is being managed on a care and maintenance basis at present. The group is running down or closing its overseas subsidiaries by means that minimise the cost and has converted most of its stock into a £143 million cash balance. The only progressive move the group made last year was the acquisition of a Danish cordless telephone company, and now Mr Sugar is playing down the chances of further purchases or "a panic driven shopping-spree" as he calls it.

Perhaps this will all change when the group appoints its long-awaited chief executive. Certainly Mr Sugar has been determined to play by the rules since his offer. This has included the appointment of non-executive directors and even an auditors' review of the interim figures, published in full as if to prove a point. But should he ever be tempted to rebid, shareholders should remember that the group's cash is worth 25p a share and the net assets are 44p. A 30p a share offer would be as inadequate today as it was 14 months ago.

Resurgent BP pumps out doubled profits

BY CARL MORTISHED

A MASSIVE oil discovery west of Shetland added a gloss to the results of BP, which announced that profits had more than doubled last year, to £1.1 billion. Schiehallion, a North Sea field jointly owned with Shell, is believed to have reserves of 250-500 million barrels of oil and complements the nearby Foinaven field, which also contains almost 500 million barrels.

BP's recovery from its disastrous performance in 1992 was expected but the increase in replacement-cost profits, from £0.54 billion to £1.1 billion, was still ahead of City expectations. Profits for the fourth quarter were £315 million, up from £200 million, but before an exceptional charge of £284 million. This relates to the restructuring of chemical operations, including closure of the Baglan Bay ethylene cracker, which was announced last month.

BP is again paying a quarterly dividend of 2.1p, a total of 8.4p for the year, covered by replacement-cost earnings per share of 20.7p. Lord Ashburton, the chairman, said the company intended to raise the dividend but this would depend on sustainable profits and cash. David Simon, BP's chief executive, said the doubling of replacement-cost profits was due to productivity improvements and efficiency gains and had been achieved in a year in which average crude oil prices had been $2 a barrel lower than in 1992.

Mr Simon said BP aimed for a further $1 billion of cost savings over the next three years. Asset disposals had generated £664 million during the year. That, combined with strong cash flow of £1.9 billion, had enabled the company to repay $2.9 billion of debt. Borrowings at the year end were £8.4 billion, compared with £10.3 billion at the end of 1992.

Mr Simon said BP would have to work hard if the oil price remained low. (It is currently $13.50 a barrel.) "We have to manage the margin and worry less about the price," he said.

The 1993 replacement-cost profit benefited from $200 million of currency gains but the bulk of the improvement came from cost reductions, totalling $750 million. Mr Simon said no specific redundancies were planned. The $1 billion of savings would come from capital efficiency, lower interest rates and improvements in yield and and volumes.

The company said it expected capital expenditure of between $4 billion and $4.5 billion in the current year, with continued investment in Asia, where a 69 per cent improvement in operating profits was achieved last year.

Chemicals remained in loss, owing to surplus European capacity. The deficit totalled £68 million but the company expects the closure of the Baglan Bay plant to help push the division back into profit this year. BP's refining and marketing profits rose from £304 million to £810 million.

TONY WHITE



David Simon, chief executive, says the company aims to cut costs by $1 billion

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Pentos sale expected

PENTOS, the struggling Dillons to Athena retail group, is expected to announce the sale of its office equipment chain today.

The group is selling the 57-strong chain, which trades under the name Ryman Computer Store, for £100,000 to Peoples Phone, a cellular telephone company owned by Cellular Communications. The chain has been making losses of about £750,000.

The deal marks the first step in the strategic overhaul of the company by Bill McGrath, the new chief executive.

BOC dips to first-quarter loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL

A WELL-FLAGGED £85 million provision for redundancy and restructuring costs pushed BOC, the gases and health care group, into a first-quarter loss.

BOC unveiled a pre-tax loss of £8.9 million for the three months to December 31, compared with a £90.8 million profit last time. Excluding the £85 million exceptional item, which Pat Dyer, the chief executive, announced last month, results were in line with City forecasts. The shares fell 17p, to 698p.

Turnover rose from £733.5 million to £799.8 million, while operating profit sank from £108.9 million to £97.1 million. The restructuring provision, coupled with a marginally higher interest charge of £21 million, forced the company into the red.

The £85 million provision covers 1,700 job losses, about 4 per cent of the worldwide workforce, and the write-down of assets to book value. Restructuring is expected to generate annual savings of about £60 million, once it is completed in three years' time. Of the provision, £25 million is earmarked for the gases business, and £60 million for the health care operations.

Operating profits from the health care division continued to decline, falling from £32.6 million to £14 million, on a £16 million fall in sales, to £136 million. Key to the profits fall were shrinking sales of Forane, BOC's anaesthetic drug, which came off patent in the US last year.

Sales in the gases division rose by £65.4 million, to £610.7 million, but operating margins were hit by price pressures. As a result, operating profits edged ahead by only £700,000, to £75.4 million.

The vacuum technology and distribution services operation more than quadrupled operating profits, to £9 million.

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BT

Third Quarter Results

Results for third quarter and nine months to 31 December, 1993

	3 months ended 31 December (unaudited)		9 months ended 31 December (unaudited)	
	1993 £m	1992 £m	1993 £m	1992 £m
Turnover	3,429	3,281	10,190	9,812
Redundancy charges	142	17	292	459
Operating profit	763	830	2,370	2,120
Loss on sale of group companies	4	-	2	135
Premium on repurchase of bonds	-	56	-	56
Profit before tax	698	705	2,198	1,732
Profit after tax	458	450	1,440	1,088
Earnings per share	7.3p	7.2p	22.9p	17.3p

Excluding the impact of redundancy charges and non-recurring items, the main year on year changes are:

- Turnover up by 4.6% in the third quarter and up by 4.3% for the nine months
- Profit before tax up by 8.5% in the third quarter and up by 4.4% for the nine months
- Earnings per share up by 6.3% in the third quarter and up by 2.2% for the nine months

"It is encouraging that we continue to achieve steady volume growth despite growing competitive pressures. This improved demand is reflected in a 6.3 per cent growth in earnings per share in the third quarter after adjusting for redundancy costs and non-recurring factors.

We have recently announced further substantial price reductions and there are more to come. These emphasise the continuing need to control costs and improve efficiency."

Sir Iain Vallance
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UK firms 'need big shake-up'

BY PHILIP BASSETT

BRITAIN'S corporate competitiveness is under threat unless companies reorganise radically and construct new measures of success — not just financial performance, business leaders say.

The group, convened under the auspices of the RSA, which encourages manufacturing and commerce as well as the arts, includes leaders of a range of principal companies.

The RSA enquiry into the future role of the company, which delivered its interim report yesterday, argues for an "inclusive" approach to company structure and performance, in which companies include all their relationships — with customers, suppliers and employees among others — in their measures of success.

GM drives to first quarterly advance in nearly five years

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GENERAL Motors achieved a dramatic turnround in North America last year where its car-making operations produced the first quarterly net profit for almost five years.

Benefits from savage cost reductions — the group cut 40,000 jobs last year — pulled GM out of a $1.78 billion loss for the final three months and produced a net income of $426.7 million, GM's first net profit since the second quarter of 1989. For the whole year, GM narrowed its losses from American carmaking from $5.6 billion to $982 million.

That performance, coupled with quadrupled profits from electronics, computer systems and finance, helped lift the group's worldwide net profits to $2.46billion from a $23.5 billion loss last time.

Net profits for all its European operations more than halved from $1.33 billion to $604 million. GM blames the downturn on the poor financial performance of its important German market despite having a record 12.7 per cent European share.

John Smith, GM's chief executive and president, said: "The turnround at our North American operations is remarkable but we can't be satisfied until the earning power of our operations is fully restored. This remains critical to GM's future."

GM's overall share of the US vehicle market dropped from 33.9 to 33.2 per cent, cars fell from 34.9 to 34.4 per cent and trucks — the powerhouse of profits for rival Ford — fell from 32.2 to 31.4 per cent.

Worldwide car sales jumped 6 per cent in value to $125 billion, but inched forward 1.3 per cent in unit sales to 7.78 million vehicles. Adding in GM's non-car operations boosted total turnover 4.5 per cent to $138 billion. These businesses chipped in a total $2.6 billion in net profits — $2 billion better than 1992.

Draft error hitch for Disney plan

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE financial rescue of Euro Disneyland, which must be completed by the end of March, has hit another serious hitch, with a drafting error by the company's merchant bank apparently handing a large degree of control of the company to bondholders.

The error in the prospectus to a £400 million 1991 bond issue by Euro Disneyland apparently requires a unanimous vote by bondholders for any restructuring such as the one being hammered out between the company and the banks, rather than a majority, or a 75 per cent, vote. Unanimous agreement is virtually impossible; one bondholder could send the theme park into receivership. "Anyone can pull the plug," a source close to negotiations said last night.

Although it would not be in the interests of bondholders, who rank behind banks for repayment of the park's £2 billion of debt, to call in receivers, Euro Disneyland is now reduced to hoping that all concerned will take a sensible attitude to the restructuring.

France's courts will consider interpretation of the offending clause in due course.

"Greenmail", with investors taking a stake in the bonds to make the company and its banks offer them sweeter terms, cannot be ruled out.

The American Walt Disney corporation, owner of 49 per cent of the park, says that it will stop funding it after March unless a rescue is agreed.



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Dealers brace themselves for a sell-off

STOCK MARKET

AN element of trepidation crept into late dealings on the London stock market, with market-makers bracing themselves for a possible sell-off when trading resumes this morning.

Brokers are certainly taking a cautious view of the equity market short-term and fear it will be testing the 3,350 resistance level before too long. Many institutions are fully invested and there appears to be no shortage of stock. But opportunities to sell are few.

All eyes in London last night were fixed on the US Treasury auction for signs of further indigestion. With the two week trading account drawing to a close later today, market-makers fear they could be in for a choppy ride. Share prices yesterday saw an early 17-point lead wiped out by futures related selling. The FT-SE 100 Index ended 22.1 points lower at 3,407.0, with 995 million shares traded.

Alpha Airports, the airport services operation floated off from Forte, had a flying start in first-time trading. While the rest of the market lost ground, Alpha started life at 165p, compared with the original offer price of 140p. The shares ended the day at 172p. The flotation is expected to raise an estimated £177 million for Forte, which will use the money to help reduce debts totalling £1.2 billion. **Forte** was steady at 253p. It was also first time trading for **Energy Capital**, which opened at 55p compared with the partly paid price of 50p and finished at 58p.

BP was 11p better at 401p, cheered by better than expected full-year figures showing the group back in the black.

BT lost 1½p to 455p, despite third-quarter figures showing pre-tax profits up from £650 million to £690 million. Chairman Sir Iain Vallance said the group was achieving steady volume growth despite increased competition.

BOC Group touched 702p before ending the day 17p lower at 681p after first quarter figures revealed losses of almost £9 million. **Vodafone** jumped 15p to 630p with Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, recommending the shares. A number of US roadshows are planned during the next few weeks.

GKN, currently bidding £500 million for Westland, slipped 6p to 560p despite a recommendation from Kleinwort Benson. **Westland** was 7p dearer at 337p. Kleinwort also likes **Glynwed**, up 4p at 382p, and has raised its pre-tax profit forecast for 1994 by £2 million to £55 million.

A profits downgrading by Goldman Sachs left **Redland** 21p down at 598p.

The electricity distributors suffered double digit losses as NatWest Securities took **Manweb**, down 33p at 796p, and **Seeboard**, 22p easier at 356p, off the buy list.

News of possible losses also left **Amstrad**, the consumer electronics group, 4¼p lower at 40¾p. First half pre-tax profits were down from £5.6 million to £1.7 million.

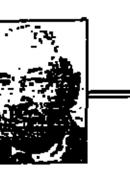
Dawson International dropped 7p to 134p, after 128p, following a warning about the need to make provisions for its operations in the US. News of provisions also left **W. Canning** 8p lower at 185p. **Jessups**, the vehicle distributor, tumbled 20p to 96p after warning of losses.

Shares of USM-listed **Hobson** were suspended at 27p pending an announcement. Brokers believe the group is soon be the subject of a reverse takeover.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The March series of the Long Gilt touched £115$^{23}/_{16}$ in nervous trading, before finishing five ticks lower at £115¾ as 112,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £⅛ to £122$^{3}/_{8}$, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £$^{3}/_{32}$ lower at £114⅛.

□ **WALL STREET:** Shares stayed lower into the early afternoon after steepening their losses following comments by Elaine Garzarelli, an analyst with Lehman Brothers, who said in a TV interview that she remained bullish on US shares but that a four to seven per cent correction could occur. The Dow Jones industrial average was 7.88 points lower at 3,924.04 at midday, but went into a double-figure loss later.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

Gripped by the weak hand of government

It is no doubt better to travel hopefully than to arrive, but this is ridiculous. The clearest law in the bull market has been that falling interest rates, provided they are matched by lower inflation, are good for equities. Almost any strong rise is reported to have been "inspired by hopes of a cut in interest rates". This has become a cliche in the strict sense — the sort of phrase that used to be kept in a block of type, and is now stored in a macro on the word processor.

What is even more certain is that a fall in the exchange rate is good for profits, since export prices rise enough to compensate (to much tut-tutting from the puritan Left). That is how devaluation works, and it justifies the attachment of fund managers to British equities, despite the long term weakness of sterling. Yet this week we have seen a small fall in interest rates, backed by a favourable inflation report, followed by a larger fall in the exchange rate followed by a *still bigger fall* in both equities and bonds.

The market is not usually very sensitive to small changes in interest rates, nor does it lightly defy its own laws; so this odd behaviour has to mark some turning point. But what is it that has *turned? The candidates on* offer are inflation expectations, interest rate expectations, and the political climate. None of the three is entirely plausible, but all three may be combined; or more likely, weak political confidence may have undermined sentiment generally.

The inflation argument is the fogeyism of the Bellman: "What I say three times is true". Roughly, it holds that inflation has by now fallen so far, and so far below fogey forecasts, that it can only go up. The current low figure is "only" due to food discounting (actually one third due to food discounting, according to the Bank of England); wage pressures "must" soon increase.

Essentially, this argument denies that fundamentals can ever change. The idea that the retail market is now a long-term buyers' market, as it is in the US, or that labour behaviour really has changed, is ruled out because it is offensive to prejudice. Yet, as Ian Shepherdson shows in the current Midland Bank economic survey, customer sovereignty is now the general rule: growth in sales over the whole market is strictly in proportion to price restraint. Meanwhile, the sensitive antennae of the Bank of England detect no wage pressure. The fogey argument, then is based on emotion, not reason. It may still dominate market sentiment, but it needs explaining.

The interest rate argument looks still odder at first sight: how can a cut in rates mean that they are going up? The answer, of course, is the equal rise in US rates — a deliberate and showy signal from the Fed that the party over there is over. The fact that our own cut was only a quarter point was read the same way. The sad thing is that the cut, on the day of a bullish official inflation report, and underlined by the Chancellor's hopes of more to come, was clearly meant to convey just the opposite. Our rates *would respond to British*, not American conditions. What was broadcast as a sturdy declaration of independence came over as a confession of weakness.

And that, sadly, is the key to the puzzle. It *was partly a presentational* disaster. Only the sketchiest rationale was offered, and Mr Clarke has yet to understand that if you want to cut rates, you should not go about thumping your chest about the strong British recovery. (His logic is the flip side of Major's apologia, that the Government "had to" raise taxes because the economy was so weak). He also had yet to learn that if you have a tense argument with the Governor, it is bound to leak out — he knows it now. Game, set and match to the Bank.

At bottom, though, he couldn't have got it right. The cut may have been justified economically, both by low inflation and the need to check the rise in sterling; but it was bound to be seen as political, because the Government is seen not only as weak, but increasingly desperate. That is bad news for the Chancellor, who will have to keep his head down, and for the markets. Sell in February and go away?

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4617 (-0.0009)
German mark	2.5637 (-0.0061)
Exchange index	80.8 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3407.0 (-22.1)
Dow Jones	3924.04 (-7.88)*
Nikkei Avg	19990.70 (+149.32)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5¼%
3-month Interbank	5⅛-5⅛%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.26-3.25%*
Long Bond	6.42%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.4624*	£ $	1.4650
$ DM	1.7539*	£ DM	2.5642
$ SWfr	1.4755*	£ SWfr	2.1601
$ FFr	5.9573*	£ FFr	8.7120
$ Yen	108.45*	£ Yen	158.66
£ SDR	1.0610	£ ECU	1.3212

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($): AM 382.20 PM 382.50
Close ... 382.05-382.55
New York Comex ... 381.95-382.45*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $13.60 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

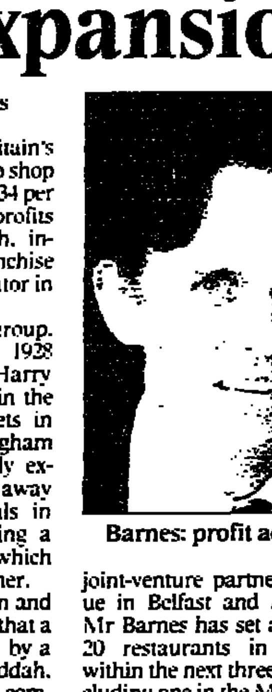
TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	1.97
Austria Sch	19.04	17.54
Belgium Fr	56.09	51.69
Canada $	2.070	1.910
Cyprus Cyp£	0.798	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.60	9.80
Finland Mkk	8.93	8.13
France Fr	9.16	8.46
Germany Dm	2.72	2.51
Greece Dr	391.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	11.98	10.98
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2563.00	2408.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.026	2.796
Norway Kr	11.64	10.84
Portugal Esc	269.00	250.50
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.37	11.57
Switzerland Fr	2.30	2.12
Turkey Lira	26368.0	24868.0
USA $	1.559	1.429

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Ramsden's set for expansion

By Philip Pangalos



Barnes: profit advance

HARRY Ramsden's, Britain's only quoted fish and chip shop group, has announced a 34 per cent jump in full-year profits and an expansion push, including plans for a franchise agreement with an operator in Melbourne, Australia.

The Yorkshire-based group, which was founded in 1928 and has eight Harry Ramsden's restaurants in the UK after opening outlets in Edinburgh and Birmingham last August, has already expanded overseas, taking away business from the locals in Hong Kong and securing a franchise in Singapore, which is due to open this summer.

John Barnes, chairman and managing director, said that a site has also been found by a franchise partner in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where the company hopes to open by the end of the year, aiming to attract locals and expatriates. As for Australia, Mr Barnes joked: "We're going down to support the ethnic minority Brits."

The group has expanded rapidly since USM flotation three years ago. It plans to open five more restaurants in the UK and the Irish republic this year, in Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, Nottingham and Dublin. Site searches with joint-venture partners continue in Belfast and Aberdeen. Mr Barnes has set a target of 20 restaurants in the UK within the next three years, including one in the M25 region.

Bigger margins, from economies of scale and cost controls, helped to lift pre-tax profit to £815,295 in the year to October 3, from £607,812, on turnover 15 per cent up, at £3.29 million. An unchanged 3.5p final dividend makes 4.5p (same).

Gearing rose to 35 per cent at year end, after investment in joint-venture franchises and purchase of a fairground next to the group's first restaurant, at Guiseley, near Leeds.

Jessups chief to leave

Shares in Jessups, the Romford-based motor dealer, fell 23p to 93p after a warning that trading results in the last four months of 1993 were significantly below expectations and have pushed it into the red.

Ron Joseph, managing director, is leaving the group. His departure is linked to the poor results in the motor dealerships in the latter part of 1993. He is succeeded by Stan Thompson, previously managing director of the vehicle leasing operations which performed strongly. Preliminary results for the 16-month period to December 31, 1993, are expected on March 9.

Seacon slips

Seacon Holdings, the USM-quoted shipping and distribution group, reports full-year pre-tax profits to September 30, 1993, declining to £1.72 million (£2.28 million). Seacon said the outlook is more positive. A 3.4p final dividend makes an increased 5.7p total (5.1p).

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
ADT	729p (+14p)
Christie	83p (+10p)
LWT Holdings	748p (+10p)
Yorkshire TV	330p (+20p)
Dagenham Motors	188p (+10p)
Adscene	325p (+10p)
Johnston Press	645p (+10p)
FALLS:	
SG Warburg	960p (-10p)
Bass	532p (-16p)
Enterprise	449p (-15p)
Grand Met	450p (-11p)
Scot & Newcastle	523p (-10p)
Meyer Int	552p (-10p)
RMC Group	951p (-16p)
Redland	598p (-21p)
Courtaulds	514p (-10p)
Britannic	503p (-19p)
Canton Comm	396p (-10p)
Jessups	96p (-20p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	172	...
Baring Emrg Euro	72½	-½
Baring Ermg Eur Wts	40	-½
Coda (235)	268	+3
Computerised Fin (90)	155	+7
Energy Capital	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	97	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	118½	-1
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	125	-1
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	43½	...
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	42	-1
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Rossmont (10)	12	...
Slimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	94	...
Taiwan Inv Wnts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	13½	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51½	-½
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Beckenham Grp n/p (25)	4	-4
Carlisle n/p (11)	18½	+2½
Spring Ram n/p (53)	23	+2
Utility Cable n/p (10)	17	-4
Worthington n/p (51)	11	...

WALL STREET

	Feb 10 midday	Feb 9 close
AMP Inc	61	62
AMR Corp	68	68
Abbott Labs	28	29
Aetna Life	62	63
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	49	49
Albertsons	29	29
Alcan Alumnm	24	24
Alco Standard	55	56
Allied Signal	79	79
Alum Co of Am	81	80
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	46	47
Amer Brands	35	34
Amer Cyanamid	47	48
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	30	30
Amer Genl Corp	26	25
Amer Home Pr	61	61
Amer Intl	90	89
Amer Stores	45	45
Amer T & T	54	54
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	48	48
Apple Computer	37	36
Archer Daniels	25	25
Arkla	9	8
Armco	7	6
Armstrong Wrld	57	53
Asarco	25	25
Ashland Oil	38	38
Atl Richfield	110	111
Auto Data Pro	52	52
Avery Dennison	27	29
Avon Products	53	54
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	33	36
BankAmerica	43	43
Bank of NY	53	53
Bankers Tr NY	81	93
Barnett Banks	41	40
Bausch & Lomb	52	52
Baxter Intl	23	23
Becton Dicknsn	36	36
Bell Atlantic	54	54
BellSouth	56	57
Black & Decker	19	19
Block (H&R)	45	45
Boeing	43	43
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	56
Browning Ferris	28	29
Brunswick	19	19
Burlington Nthn	63	63
CBS	310	311
CNA Financial	77	78
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	90	91
Campbell Soup	37	37
Can Pacific	17	18
Cptl Cities ABC	682	679
Cptl Holdings	32	35
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	108	108
Central & SW	27	27
Champion Intl	32	32
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	37	37
Chevron Corp	92	92
Chrysler	60	61
Chubb Corp	77	77
Cigna Corp	67	67
Citicorp	41	41
Clorox	52	52
Coastal Corp	33	33
Coca Cola	40	40
Colgate-Palmolive	61	61
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	89	89
Comp Ass Intl	38	38
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	29	30
Cons Nat Gas	44	44
Cons Rail	63	63
Cooper Inds	39	39
Corning Inc	31	31
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	59	59
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	80	81
Delta Air Lines	53	53
Deluxe Corp	35	35
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	30	30
Dillard Dept St	34	34
Disney (Walt)	45	45
Dominion Res	41	42
Donnelley (RR)	31	31
Dover Corp	60	61
Dow Chemical	64	64
Dow Jones	39	39
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	40	40
Dun & Brdstreet	62	62
Du Pont	54	55
Eastman Kodak	42	42
Eaton Corp	61	59
Emerson Elec	65	65
Engelhard Corp	24	24
Enron Corp	33	33
Ethyl Corp	18	18
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	49	49
FPL Group	35	35
Federal Express	76	76
Fed Nat Mtge	85	85
First Chicago	46	46
First Interstate	65	66
First Union Rlty	9	9
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	46	46
Ford Motor	66	68
GTE Corp	32	33
Gannett	54	54
Gap Inc Del	41	41
Gen Dynamics	93	93
Gen Electric	107	108
Gen Mills	57	58
Gen Motors	63	64
Gen Reinsurance	109	109
Gen Signal	35	35
Genuine Parts	37	37
Georgia Pac	74	75
Gillette	59	60
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	41	41
Goodyear Tire	48	48
Grace (WR)	40	40
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	17	17
Halliburton	32	32
Harcourt General	35	35
Heinz (HJ)	32	32
Hercules	110	110
Hershey Foods	48	48
Hewlett Packard	85	84
Hilton Hotels	69	70
Home Depot	40	39
Homestake Mng	21	21
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	35	34
Houston Inds	43	45
Humana	20	21
ITT Corp	99	99
Illinois Tool	43	41
INCO	27	27
Ingersoll Rand	39	39
Inland Steel	36	36
Intel Corp	63	63
IBM	53	53
Intl Flav & Fr	37	37
Intl Paper	76	76
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41	41
K Mart	19	19
Kellogg	50	50
Kerr-McGee	46	46
Kimberly-Clark	57	56
Knight-Ridder	56	55
Lilly (Eli)	57	57
Limited Inc	17	17
LIN Brdcstng	114	114
Lincoln Nat	39	39
Litton	69	68
Liz Claiborne	20	20
Lockheed Corp	65	64
Louisiana Pac	44	45
MCI Commun	27	27
Marriott Int	30	30
Marsh & McLnn	82	83
Masco Corp	38	37
May Dept St	39	39
Maytag Corp	16	17
McCaw Cellular	51	51
McDonalds	60	60
McDonnell D	115	115
McGraw Hill	69	68
Mead Corp	46	46
Medtronic	86	85
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	38	38
Merck Inc	35	34
Merrill Lynch	41	42
Minnesota Mine	104	105
Mobil Corp	80	80
Monsanto	79	79
Morgan (JP)	68	68
Motorola Inc	100	100
Natl Medical	15	15
Natl Semi	19	19
Natl Service Ind	28	28
Navistar Int	24	25
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	26	26
Newmont Mng	52	52
Niag Mohawk	18	19
Nike B	59	57
NL Industries	9	9
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	70	70
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	25	25
Nynex Corp	38	38
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle Systems	32	32
Oryx Energy Co	18	18
Owens Corning	43	43
PNC Financial	28	28
PPG Industries	80	80
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	31	31
Pac Telesis	54	54
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	25	25
Paramnt Comm	77	77
Parker Hannifin	36	36
Penney (JC)	52	52
Pennzoil	54	54
Pepsico	38	38
Pfizer	60	59
Phelps Dodge	56	56
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	58	59
Phillips Pet	28	28
Pitney Bowes	44	44
Polaroid	32	32
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	58	59
Pub Serv E & G	30	30
Quaker Oats	63	63
Ralston Purina	42	42
Raychem Corp	38	37
Raytheon	66	67
Reebok Intl	33	32
Reynolds Metals	54	53
Roadway Srvcs	72	71
Rockwell Intl	42	42
Rohm & Haas	57	58
Royal Dutch	107	107
Rubbermaid	30	30
Safeco Corp	57	57
St Paul's Cos	82	82
Salomon Inc	49	48
Santa Fe Pac	24	24
Sara Lee Corp	21	21
Scecorp	19	18
Schering Plough	60	60
Schlumberger	57	57
Scott Paper	45	44
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	49	49
Shell Trans	64	64
Sherwin Wllms	34	34
Skyline Corp	20	21
Snap-On-Tools	42	42
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	38	38
Sprint Corp	37	37
Stanley Works	43	43
Sun Company	30	30
Sun Microsys	25	25
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	38	38
Syntex Corp	14	13
Sysco Corp	27	26
TRW Inc	73	74
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	45	45
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	22	22
Temple Inland	51	50
Tenneco	57	58
Texaco	66	67
Texas Inst	73	73
Texas Utilities	38	38
Textron	59	59
Time Warner	38	38
Times-Mirror	34	34
Timken	37	36
Torchmark	46	46
Toys R Us	35	35
Transamerica	52	52
Travelers	39	39
Tribune	57	57
Tyco Labs	52	53
UAL Corp	143	144
UST Inc	28	29
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	117	118
Union Camp	48	49
Union Carbide	29	29
Union Pacific	61	62
Unisys Corp	15	14
USAIR Group	13	13
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	39	39
US West	41	41
United Tech	65	65
Unocal Corp	28	29
Upjohn	28	28
VF Corp	46	46
WMX Tech	24	25
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27
Warner-Lambert	64	66
Wells Fargo	131	130
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	47	47
Whirlpool	68	68
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	49	49
Woolworth	24	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	44
Xerox	95	95

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	[illegible]	Cadbury	2,100	MEPC	1,000	Scot Power	2,300
Abbey Nat	2,200	Caradon	2,300	Marks Spr	5,400	Sears	5,400
Allied-Lyons	1,700	Carlton Cms	1,200	NFC	2,700	Sevn Trent	2,200
Anglian W	675	Coats Vyla	2,500	NatWst Bk	1,000	Shell Trans	6,100
Argyll Gp	2,500	Com Union	1,100	Nat Power	4,200	Siebe	1,500
Arjo Wiggins	1,000	Courtauld	647	Nth Wst W	725	SmKl Bch	4,300
AB Foods	242	Enterprise Oil	1,100	Nrthn Fds	1,400	Smith Nph	4,900
BAA	1,4..	Forte	295	P&O	1,400	Southern Elec	656
BAT Inds	4,300	GRE	2,770	Pearson	1,900	Std Chartd	1,000
BOC	2,200	GKN	1,300	PowerGen	4,700	Sun Allince	1,500
BP	24,700	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	5,100	TI Gp	91
BTR	5,700	Gen Elec	1,400	RMC	412	TSB	4,500
BT	5,500	Glaxo	10,000	RTZ	1,300	Tesco	6,200
BET	1,200	Granada	1,900	Rank Org	1,100	Thames W	2,500
Barclays	5,900	Grand Met	4,000	Reckitt Col	573	Thrn EMI	1,600
Bass	2,100	Guinness	3,200	Redland	2,400	Tomkins	1,700
Blue Circle	1,200	HSBC	4,400	Reed Intl	1,400	Unilever	996
Boots	900	Hanson	13,000	Rentokil	2,300	Utd Bisc	365
Bowater	[illegible]	ICI	492	Reuters	1,400	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Aero	400	Inchcape	2,100	Rolls Royce	4,300	Warburg (SG)	192
Brit Airwys	2,500	Kingfisher	664	Ryl Ins	2,200	Wellcome	3,400
Brit Gas	7,400	Ladbroke	4,500	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbread	1,100
Brit Steel	2,000	Land Sec	2,400	Sainsbury	2,500	Wlms Hld	4,000
Burmah Cast	275	Legal & Gen	613	Schroders	360	Wolseley	563
Cable Wire	1,700	Lloyds Bk	3,249	Scot & New	1,700	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ... 3924.04 (-7.88)
S&P Composite ... 471.97 (-0.9[illegible])

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge ... 19990.70 (+149.32)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ... Closed

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ... 437.32 (+0.78)

Sydney: AO ... 2234.2 (-3.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX ... 2118.99 (+32.67)

FT 30 share: 2618.9 (-14.5)

Brussels:
General ... [illegible]

Paris: CAC-40 ... [illegible]

Zurich: SKA Gen ... [illegible]

London:
FT A All-Share ... [illegible]
FT Non Financial ... [illegible]
FT Gold Mines ... [illegible]
FT Fixed Interest ... [illegible]
FT Govt Secs ... [illegible]
Bargains ... [illegible]
SEAQ Volume ... [illegible]
USM (Datastream) ... [illegible]

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Call options were taken out on 10/2/94: ASDA, Aitken Hume, Amstrad, Burton, Betterware, BP, Emess, Hanson Wts, NSM, Pston, Reuters, Signet Pf, Sleepy Kids, Standard & Chartered, Titaghur, Utility Cables, WPP, YTT. **Puts:** Aitken Hume, NSM, Pston, Sleepy Kids, Standard & Chartered, WPP. **Put & Call:** Hanson Wts.

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	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 75292	Mar 94	3447.0	3448.0	3364.0	3399.5	19433
	Jun 94	3450.5	3453.0	3435.5	3414.0	635
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 429344	Mar 94	94.79	94.80	94.77	94.79	7170
	Jun 94	94.94	94.95	94.90	94.92	15110
	Sep 94	94.97	94.89	94.83	94.87	6725
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 11327	Mar 94	96.37	96.37	96.37	96.37	314
	Jun 94	96.07	96.07	96.06	96.06	11
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 643255	Mar 94	94.31	94.32	94.27	94.30	23354
	Jun 94	94.75	94.76	94.69	94.74	42540
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 137434	Mar 94	116-01	116-08	115-06	115-24	120136
	Jun 94	115-16	115-16	114-25	115-03	863
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.53	114.57	114.39	114.50	1013
	Jun 94	113.40	113.40	113.23	113.34	68
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 194392	Mar 94	99.32	99.36	98.84	99.17	215994
	Jun 94	99.16	99.23	98.79	99.08	2695
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 10227	Mar 94	102.33	102.35	102.12	102.23	2122
	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 39425	Mar 94	93.79	93.81	93.76	93.80	1061
	Jun 94	94.33	94.37	94.29	94.31	1111
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 62266	Mar 94	95.92	95.94	95.85	95.86	5604
	Jun 94	96.16	96.19	96.14	96.17	2724
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 51649	Mar 94	116.01	116.63	117.62	117.81	71706
	Jun 94	119.31	118.91	119.21	114.06	793

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.8 (day's range 80.7-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8676-2.8846	2.8708-2.8744	par-¼ds	¼-⅜ds
Brussels	52.77-53.10	52.84-52.94	3-7ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9800-10.0430	10.0280-10.0430	⅝-1½ds	1⅞-3⅜ds
Dublin	1.0390-1.0425	1.0392-1.0422	4-8ds	17-23ds
Frankfurt	2.5600-2.5753	2.5625-2.5659	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Lisbon	257.18-258.93	257.76-258.39	90-97ds	286-307ds
Madrid	207.62-208.64	208.08-208.38	56-65ds	174-198ds
Milan	2462.40-2472.90	2468.90-2472.90	5-7ds	18-21ds
Montreal	1.9525-1.9644	1.9615-1.9644	0.27-0.22pr	0.48-0.42pr
New York	1.4555-1.4635	1.4625-1.4635	0.22-0.21pr	0.63-0.60pr
Oslo	11.0390-11.1080	11.0930-11.1080	⅞-⅜pr	1⅞-1⅜pr
Paris	8.6920-8.7240	8.7050-8.7190	⅝-⅞ds	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.7050-11.8190	11.7950-11.8190	1½-2⅝ds	5-6⅞ds
Tokyo	158.05-158.79	158.52-158.79	⅝-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛ds
Vienna	17.98-18.11	18.06-18.09	⅛-⅜ds	⅝-1⅝ds
Zurich	2.1586-2.1688	2.1586-2.1616	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4515-1.4541
Australia dollar	2.0173-2.0215
Bahrain dinar	0.5445-0.5565
Brazil cruzeiro *	774.73-776.44
Cyprus pound	0.756-0.766
Finland marka	8.1995-8.3153
Greece drachma	366.5-373.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.287-11.299
India rupee	45.39-46.34
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4295-0.4395
Malaysia ringgit	4.021-2.027
Mexico peso	4.47-4.57
New Zealand dollar	2.5251-2.5313
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4145-5.5405
Singapore dollar	2.3091-2.3123
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6205-6.6690
S Africa rand (com)	5.0262-5.0341
U A E dirham	5.303-5.427

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3850-1.3869
Austria	12.37-12.38
Belgium (Com)	36.28-36.32
Canada	1.3404-1.3414
Denmark	6.857-6.862
France	5.975-5.980
Germany	1.7593-1.7603
Hong Kong	7.750-7.752
Ireland	1.4043-1.4073
Italy	1691.3-1692.8
Japan	108.65-108.75
Malaysia	2.761-2.763
Netherlands	1.9712-1.9722
Norway	7.585-7.590
Portugal	176.9-177.2
Singapore	1.5855-1.5865
Spain	142.64-142.74
Sweden	8.0654-8.0754
Switzerland	1.4825-1.4835

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 3¼ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4$^{25}/_{32}$; 3 mth: 4$^{25}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4$^{31}/_{32}$-4⅞	4$^{31}/_{32}$-4⅞	4$^{31}/_{32}$-4$^{29}/_{32}$	4$^{29}/_{32}$-4$^{27}/_{32}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$
Interbank:	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5$^{1}/_{16}$	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5$^{1}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.33	n/a	3.45	3.63	3.98
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.00-383.40 **Close:** $382.05-382.55 **High:** $383.00-383.40 **Low:** $381.40-381.90 **Krugerrand:** $381.00-383.50 (£260.00-262.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.50-91.50 (£60.50-62.50) **New** $88.50-91.50 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $392.00 (£269.05) **Silver:** $5.30 (£3.615) **Palladium:** $132.50 (£90.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

February 10, 1994 Tot: 37641 Calls: 25956 Puts: 21045 FT-SE Calls: 11004 Puts: 6968
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa remained firm despite an ICCO deficit which showed a sharply lower deficit than the market anticipated. However, part of the discrepancy can be accounted for by the fact that the ICCO has to use official government figures, and therefore the 1993/4 Ivory Coast figure probably includes a certain amount of mid-crop not included in the 1992/3 figures.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA: [illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($): [illegible]

NO7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($ 00pm): [illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB): [illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 10
(p/kg lw) Pig, Sheep, Cattle: [illegible]

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Live Pig (/kg): [illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	99.30
May	99.75
Jun	99.00
Sep	99.50
Nov	40.45
	Volume 432

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	102.15
May	102.75
Sep	91.[illegible]
Nov	93.40
Jan	95.25
	Volume 30

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	[illegible]
Dec	[illegible]
Feb	[illegible]
Apr	[illegible]
	Volume 0

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	142.5
Apr	100.7	104.3
May	125.5	124.6
	Volume 170	

RUBBER No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)

Mar ... 64.75-65.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices chopped about and failed to show any marked direction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.60	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	13.75	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.60	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.70	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.90	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 15	152 (-1)	154 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	144 (-4)	145 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Mar	146 (-2)	148 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	145 (-1)	147 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	78 (n/c)	80 (n/c)
Naphtha	137 (-1)	139 (-1)

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GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Feb	138.75 EXP	May	141.75-42.00
Mar	143.25-43.50	Jun	142.25-42.50
Apr	142.75-43.00	Jul	144.00-44.50
			Vol: 26803

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	13.59-13.60	Jun	14.05 BID
Apr	13.70 SLR	Jul	14.24-14.26
May	13.86-13.87		Vol: 31072

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	145.50 EXP	May	154.00-55.50
Mar	unq	Jun	unq
Apr	unq		Vol: 50

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	1150	1145	1150
Mar 94	1175	1164	1165
Apr 94	1230	1210	1223
Jul 94	1110	1105	1110

Vol: 171 lots. Open int: 2147 Index 1170 -4

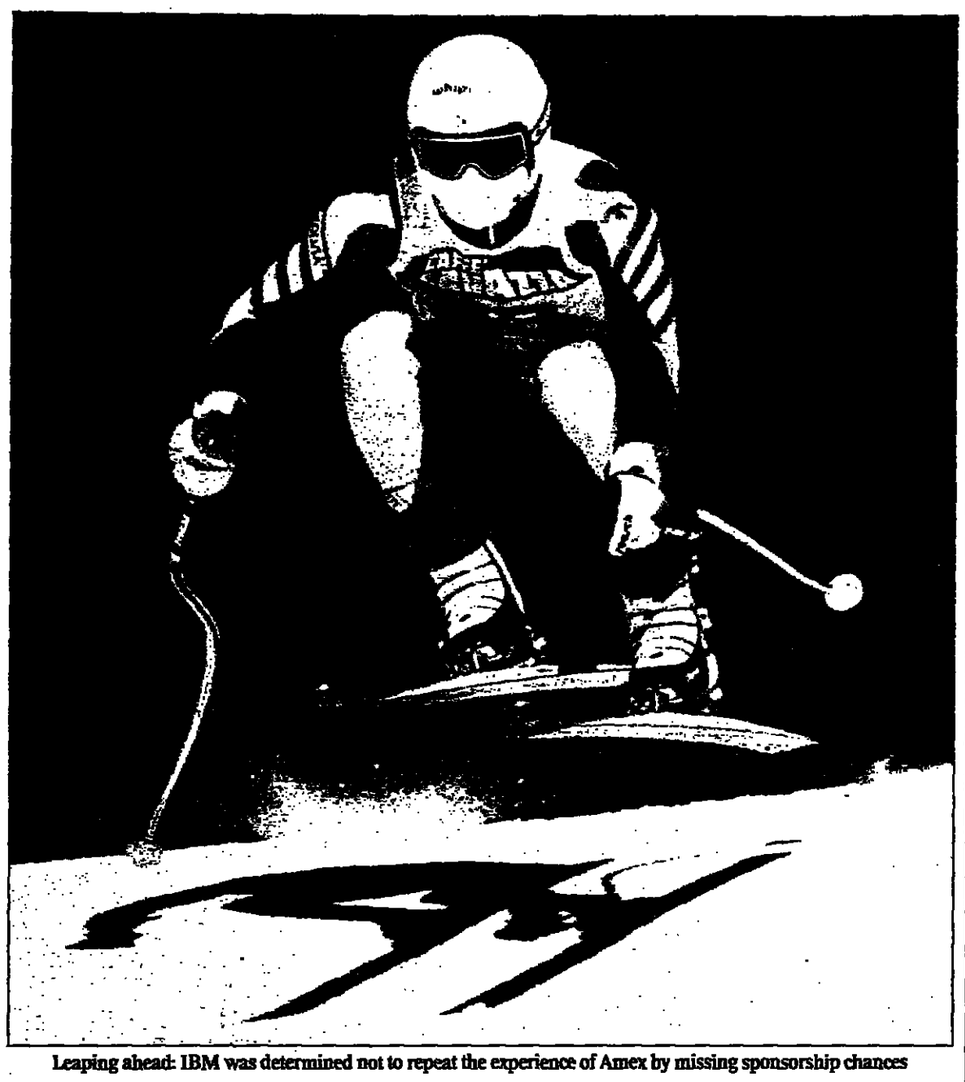
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1852.5-1853.0	1874.0-1875.0	1160075
Lead ($/tonne)	480.00-480.50	493.00-493.50	149325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	949.00-949.50	964.00-968.50	630775
Tin ($/tonne)	5370.0-5380.0	5425.0-5430.0	16210
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1257.0-1258.0	1279.0-1279.5	1009150
Nickel ($/tonne)	5760.0-5770.0	5810.0-5820.0	46494

Big Blue goes for gold at the Olympic Games

With the Winter Olympics starting tomorrow, IBM has become the largest Games sponsor with a contract worth $200m. David Miller reports



Leaping ahead: IBM was determined not to repeat the experience of Amex by missing sponsorship chances

Louis Gerstner, the former chief executive of American Express who is now chairman of IBM's global computer business, was partly responsible for one of the worst misjudgments in the history of advertising. It is a painful and embarrassing memory, and helps to explain why IBM has become the biggest-ever Olympic Games sponsor, with an eight-year contract with the International Olympic Committee worth more than $200 million.

In 1984, Amex was exclusive credit-card sponsor of the Los Angeles Games under the innovative sponsorship package devised by Peter Ueberroth, the former travel business magnate who, as president of the Los Angeles organising committee, transformed the Olympics from a loss-making exercise into a privately run, $250 million profit enterprise.

Following the example set by Mr Ueberroth, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, and his financial advisers took charge of sponsorship negotiation for the next Games. Their idea was to narrow the field to create greater exclusivity and higher fees.

An organisation was created called TOP (The Olympic Programme), to be run in conjunction with the IOC by ISL Marketing, of Lucerne. It would sign up fewer than a dozen sponsors, one each in such international markets as photography, soft drinks, television, computers, copiers ... and credit cards. TOP I would run for four years, from 1985 to the 1988 Games in Seoul, and would have exclusive association with the Games worldwide and use of the Olympic logo.

Amex was offered the credit card option for TOP I — and declined. It was not interested, it stated, in supporting the whole world — "all those Third World nations". In many countries, Amex considered it had no serious competition. Visa stepped in immediately. Operating through thousands of different banks, of which Barclays was just one, Visa had a collective identity problem. Its Olympic involvement in TOP I produced a remarkable result: 18 per cent growth against an industry average at the time of about 10 per cent.

Amex reeled. Ever since, it has been attempting to undermine Visa's Olympic exclusivity with vigorous hostile marketing. The slogan for its campaign in America before the 1992 Barcelona Games was: "Take your Amex card to Spain, where you don't need a visa."

When the opportunity came for IBM to join TOP III (1993 to the 1996 centenary Games in Atlanta), Mr Gerstner sent a message to the IOC's headquarters in Lausanne saying: "You will never know what that decision cost American Express. We're not about to make the same mistake."

In addition to signing up with TOP III, IBM has entered an eight-year contract up to the 2000 Games in Sydney, taking in two summer and two winter Olympics, starting with Lillehammer tomorrow. It is the largest sponsorship deal by a single company in sporting history, with a value conservatively estimated at more than $200 million.

A substantial part of that figure will be in kind: the provision of information technology, including the results service on which the Olympic Games depends, with the overheads spread by including the four Games. Because of its huge technology contribution, its payment into TOP III will be less than the $40 million standard "entry fee" for most of the other seven TOP members: Coca-Cola, Kodak, Visa, Matsushita (Panasonic), Xerox, Time-Warner and Bausch & Lomb (Ray-Ban). A ninth contract is due to be signed during the Lillehammer games.

A "hidden" cost of TOP membership is that, with stadium advertising banned, sponsors have to spend an additional $40 million advertising and promoting their own exclusive membership. But an advantage for IBM as TOP III sponsors is that it will carry on-site advertising through use of its logo in the bottom corner of information screens and television transmissions bearing the results. IBM had been an equipment supplier for 16 of the past 18 Games, but its Olympic-logo advertising rights had been confined, as a non-TOP member, merely to the countries hosting the Games. IBM has a big problem — catching up in the smaller systems market when industry growth had slackened. The company made an $8 billion loss in 1993 and shed 40,000 jobs.

"We have to sustain and promote the public perception of leadership in our field," says Paul Wipperfuerth, director of IBM's international sports office in Paris. "We were business to business. Now, we're dealing with the general public, with the commodity market. Computers are at the beginning of a new century, the development of ease of use, with no special training for ordinary people. In the Olympic Games, you can differentiate yourself from all competitors.

"As technology changes, we have to communicate to our employees. We have to transfer to them the Olympic spirit — the will to win, teamwork, partnership against outside competition. We have been a bureaucratic company and we have to change the mind-set of our staff." In Lillehammer, there will be 50,000 users of the results/information units IBM has distributed to all venues, media centres, large hotels and the competitors' village. For spectators at home, there will be Olympic computer packs. "We want to use the Olympic Games as a showcase," Mr Wipperfuerth says. "The Games puts us up against an extreme test, in which we have to succeed. There is an absolute deadline, the day of the opening ceremony. You have no margin for on-site adjustment after the start. If you can handle an Olympics, with four areas of operation, you can handle anything. If we fail, the Olympics fail." Other sponsors face similar challenges and potential rewards. Kodak faces unimaginable demands at an opening ceremony: 500 photographers taking 30 to 40 rolls of film each, and expecting development of the 750,000 exposures within two hours of the finish. Lillehammer, a tiny Norwegian town of 25,000 people, had never previously seen a processing lab.

Xerox will be printing its one billionth Olympic results sheet in Lillehammer. Matsushita, with the contract to supply television equipment to broadcasters in Barcelona two years ago, made a marketing breakthrough against Sony, which had held a near monopoly. BBC Television, for instance, changed its equipment on the back of its Barcelona experience.

TOP I generated $90 million from nine sponsors, TOP II generated $175 million from 12 and TOP III (with eight sponsors so far) has produced $270 million. This helps the IOC's target of reducing its dependence on American television rights — $295 million for Lillehammer and $456 million for Atlanta — while keeping the Games on the networks for all to view.

A few sponsors pull out to save money or because they have achieved what they wanted. However, the perceived and often measured advantages of marketing associated with the Olympics ethic are huge.

IBM's massive investment seems sensible. "The Games are the number one cultural event in the world, the number one media event," Mr Wipperfuerth says. "We're the number one computer. We have to be involved."

TEMPUS

Crude awakening

BY WEARING a hair shirt, repaying debt and selling off non-core businesses, BP sent its share price rocketing last year. Expectations that the efficiency gains would double pre-exceptional profits added another boost to the price. The BP bulls, mostly the US funds that own over 20 per cent of the company, have been handsomely rewarded as BP's chief executive has delivered on his promises of lower debt and improved cash flow.

But BP is moving into a different world with oil prices below $14 per barrel, one in which the profitability of its new North Sea finds may be stretched. If oil prices remain at current levels throughout the year, BP will fall well short of 1993's profit levels and may even test the patience of its American friends. They have been buying the shares on the strength of cash flow multiples, a ratio on which BP shares still measure some 20 per cent cheaper than comparable US companies.

To maintain profitability, BP will need to cut costs ever faster. In the absence of an oil price collapse to $10, BP should keep cash flow positive this year with $1 billion of assets earmarked for disposal. But if it is to maintain its status as a recovery stock, it needs to do more than maintain profits and gently reduce debt. Marketing margins will lose some of the recent lustre in the first quarter as lower crude prices begin to flow through while chemicals still suffer from oversupply.

What BP needed to keep the bulls happy yesterday was a forecast of a dividend increase in 1994, but the soggy oil market has probably delayed that until 1995, leaving the group little choice but to continue trimming costs and making more from less.

BOC

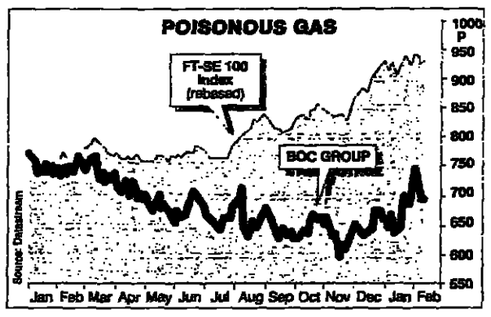
BOC flagged its £85 million reorganisation provision well in advance, but it is still a shock to see such a normally solid performer turning in a first-quarter loss.

Five years ago, the group hatched, but then abandoned, plans to float off its healthcare division. If only it had gone through with them; for today the anaesthetic business is causing nothing but pain. Profits are still falling as generic competition to Forane increases, and the trend is likely to continue all year. Suprane, its successor, has only recaptured a fifth of Forane's lost market, and it is unlikely that it will ever recover more than a fraction of the business.

Healthcare is also proving extremely expensive on the provision front. It will soak up £60 million of the current charge, only two years after BOC took a £25 million provision against it.

Given all these nasty side-effects, it is difficult to know why BOC is still hooked on the pharmaceutical industry, when it is essentially an industrial services group. BOC stresses that healthcare is a core part of its business, but it would be reassuring if the new chairman, due to succeed Patrick Rich in April, reviewed that position.

Until then, investors have little to look forward to, since margin pressure in the main gases division prevents it compensating for the healthcare shortfall. The 4.4 per cent yield has some attractions, but there is little else to stimulate the shares.



BT

THE economic recovery has come as a distinct blessing to British Telecom. As the country emerges from recession, the inevitable growth in call volumes is masking the pressure on the business.

Even so, the underlying earnings growth of only 2.2 per cent in the nine months to December 31 is hardly scintillating, considering that the initial benefits of BT's systematic job cuts should have shown through, and that the group has yet to suffer the impact of recent price cuts. Such a pedestrian performance gives weight to last year's remarks from Sir Iain Vallance that the group's dividend growth would slow.

Until now BT has cleverly used the price cuts forced on it by Oftel as marketing opportunities, designed to stimulate call volumes. But under Oftel's RPI-7.5 per cent formula, it must keep cutting prices by £500 million a year until 1997, so it could soon run out of ideas. Besides, the speed at which Mercury is matching BT's initiatives suggests this is the start of a real price battle which consumers will applaud more loudly than shareholders.

BT's powerful cash flow remains comforting, with gearing falling to 10 per cent despite redundancy costs, the £800 million pension fund injection and the initial investment in MCI. This gives the group scope to accelerate its expansion into non-regulated areas, such as the MCI alliance, and make up the time it wasted on its dead-end investment in McCaw.

BT has been the worst performing utility share in the past three months, falling 11 per cent relative to the market, as fears have grown about earnings and dividend growth. The economic upturn and continued cost-cutting will propel profits for now, but they are no substitute for genuine growth.

Dawson

As *Tempus* predicted last year, Dawson's troubles were inevitably going to lead to heavy provisions, and now the worst has happened. The provisions for the closure of the group's fleece and jersey factories in America and the sale or closure of the shower curtain manufacturer will be around £50 million, and push the group to a loss of perhaps £30 million for the year to March 31.

Dawson has hedged its US operations for more than a year as stocks have piled up and losses mounted. Finally it has realised there is no realistic alternative to closure, since its unbranded clothing ranges are being completely undercut by imports.

The question why Dawson ever diversified into bulk clothing in America needs to be answered, and the group's institutional investors may demand a boardroom shake-up. The write-offs and the cash cost of the closure will also send Dawson's gearing rocketing, and one hopes the group is reassuring its banks about the proposed closures.

Behind these disasters, three-quarters of Dawson's business is performing well and has an unparalleled portfolio of knitwear brands. The collapse in profitability and the shares strengthens the likelihood that the group will attract a predator like Coats Viyella. It is hard to see Dawson remaining independent.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Roadside rendezvous

JULIAN Ogilvie Thompson, the urbane South African chairman of Anglo American, De Beers and Minorco, was doubtless unfazed as ever when asked by the London-based *Africa Confidential* newsletter why he had a rendezvous on the highway between Johannesburg and Pretoria one Friday in March, 1980, at which he handed over documents to one Brigadier Johann Blaauw, a retired airforce officer, that concerned applications for diamond concessions off the Namaqualand coast. *Africa Confidential* was enquiring about dated events that only came to its attention recently, and was obviously puzzled as to why such a high profile chairman, with offices in town, should have met a business contact on a highway. From the chairman's office came the reply that JOT had learnt that De Beers' applications had been mislaid within a government department. As a result, copies were made with a covering letter to the Secretary for Mines, which Blaauw offered to take to the Minister. JOT "was on his way to a fishing weekend in the Eastern Transvaal and as Brigadier Blaauw lived in Pretoria the motorway venue (a highly public one) was chosen, purely to accommodate their convenience." The reply concludes "there was nothing clandestine about it. No payment was asked for or made by De Beers to any person in connection with these applications". Out of Africa, you do always learn something new.

Pain in the neck

PLEASE don't think the City is going soft, but forex and market traders are finding that the daily hunching of shoulders to hold telephones while making wild City-speak gestures about prices with their hands, is increasingly becoming a pain in the neck. A crowd of forex dealers at Chemical Bank (UK) have had enough. They have clubbed together, and from now on a qualified chiropractor will be attending to their bones on-site, and on a regular basis.

Venturous soles

MOST appropriately, one of the many City soles treading the Channel Tunnel tomorrow for Le Walk will be those of James Nelson, managing director of Foreign & Colonial Ventures, the venture capital group, which provided the original funding for Eurotunnel. James is husband of Lucy — the chairman and founder of the charity Tommy's Campaign — and tomorrow will be moving his feet to help the campaign raise £5 million. The British start in France and walk home, while the French start here and go there ... which presumably allows everybody to bring home their duty free goods.



"Vinegar corks"

Sugar's search

AMSTRAD's Alan (I-never-smile-for-the-cameras) Sugar woefully told shareholders in yesterday's interim report that he remains committed to searching for a new chief executive who will take full responsibility for managing the group, but that he hasn't found one yet. Gideon Fiegel, of the Amstrad Shareholders Club, set up by disgruntled shareholders 14 months ago when Sugar attempted to buy out shareholders at 30p a share, recalls Sugar's words at the time: "I will remain chairman and chief executive ... unless I make the tea lady the chief executive". In view of continuing woes, Fiegel suggests ... "Come in, Mrs Mopp".

Racing cert

CITY analysts, bankers and others who in the past have hung their heads low, so as not to be seen in the crowd on television, can this year relax, if the Cheltenham Gold Cup is on their mind. For too many years, the Chancellor was delivering his Budget on the first race day. But since the Budget has been moved to November, there is no need for "I was sick on Tuesday, sir" excuses. March 15, 16, and 17 are dates for racers' diaries.

DICTUM Meum Pactum, and all that Stock Exchange speak. But if you happen to have paid £10 for the London Stock Exchange's annual publication that lists member firms in alphabetical order, do check that you have a full bargain, and not an odd lot full of printer's devils. One copy sent me by a frustrated member omits 16 pages that otherwise should have contained the names of some very illustrious firms.

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Higher Inc Inc	421.20	446.10	-2.40	3.14
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	193.70	204.50	-0.50	5.47
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	99.93	104.50	-0.30	5.47
Nth America	264.90	281.90	+2.60	..
Far East	382.00	406.40	+0.90	..
Europe	282.30	300.40	-1.30	0.48
Brit Excell	74.60	79.27	-0.14	2.36
Brit Fndmtls Acc	105.90	112.70	-0.60	3.94
Brit Fndmtls Inc	80.42	85.56	-0.43	3.94
Global Opps	86.33	91.85	+0.27	..
Balanced Acc	56.87	60.50	+0.02	2.13
Balanced Inc	56.36	59.97	+0.01	2.13

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High Inc Equity	180.80	192.50	-0.10	3.79
Worldwide Bond	274.80	261.30	-0.90	3.60
Capital Growth				
American Growth	320.90	343.20	+3.40	..
Asian Pacific	399.20	424.60	+2.50	..
Assets & Earnings	266.10	306.40	+0.70	1.69
Comdty & Energy	135.30	143.90	-1.80	.38
1992 Enterprise	99.49	106.40	-0.70	1.36
Euro Capital Inc	125.10	144.40	-0.70	.67
General	247.60	263.40	+0.60	2.07
Japan	131.70	140.80	-0.50	..
Masterfund	152.10	162.60	-0.70	.80
UK Growth Dist	151.90	161.50	+0.70	1.63
US Emerging Cos	147.00	156.30	+2.30	..
Income & Growth	420.00	446.90	-0.60	2.94
Ethical	79.16	84.21	-0.08	1.97
International	124.90	132.70	-0.60	.14
Dividend & Growth	96.77	[illegible]	-0.02	3.38
Global Curr & Sec	64.96	69.10	-0.05	2.56

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Amer Inc & Growth	47.26	50.01	+0.06	0.63
Cash	50.37	50.37	..	4.77
European	110.30	117.10	-0.30	..
European Income	104.70	111.10	-0.20	1.34
Exempt	112.05	117.45	-1.90	3.24
Extra Income	57.13	62.05	-0.13	4.24
Far East Emg Cos	125.26	134.90	-0.10	0.48
Fixed Interest	27.11	28.44	-0.02	5.37
Fund Inv Tst	191.50	204.90	-0.50	0.43
Japan	201.60	214.70	-0.60	..
Latin American	88.29	93.86	-0.45	0.53
Pacific	77.79	83.02	-0.15	0.32
Property Share	81.06	86.53	-0.07	1.51
UK Emerging Cos	74.15	79.27	-0.22	1.57
UK Growth	44.59	52.12	-3.05	2.26
World Growth	81.86	87.38	+0.04	0.63
Ethical	70.46	75.24	-0.46	2.35
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.19	55.19	-0.01	7.42

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	99.91	106.29	-0.06	2.75
UK Equity Growth	89.25	94.95	-0.07	1.96
European	69.81	74.27	+0.31	0.61
Nth American	70.52	75.02	+0.47	0.93
Far Eastern	76.91	81.82	-0.12	0.31
Money	65.30	65.30		3.78
Fixed Interest	73.81	78.52	+0.12	6.19
Index Linked Gilt	69.06	73.50	-0.14	1.10

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	76.48	81.36	-0.21	2.12
British Income	85.04	90.47	-0.32	2.87
Select Portfolio	92.74	96.66	+0.66	

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	62.24	67.26	-0.01	1.87
Income Builder Inc	73.24	77.91	-0.07	2.60

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	257.70	275.40	-0.90	2.74
Capital	455.40	486.80	-1.70	1.39
Balanced	749.50	801.20	-2.90	2.27
Accumulator	1337.0	1429.0	-5.00	2.68
Income Trusts				
American Income	51.09	54.61	+0.04	3.26
High Income	452.80	484.00	-0.60	3.24
Equity Income	254.30	271.80	-0.20	3.22
High Yield	279.30	298.50	-0.20	3.15
Govt Securities	35.47	37.43	+0.10	4.86
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	140.50	150.10	-0.30	0.23
European Growth	35.67	37.96	-0.03	0.42
International	171.60	183.20	-0.20	0.32
Japan	223.50	238.30	-0.30	0.01
Pacific	461.50	493.30	+0.50	0.16
Secs of America	449.90	478.70	+0.20	0.58
Wwide Asset Val	50.57	54.05	-0.02	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	574.00	613.50	-2.40	2.04
Conv & Gilt	51.66	55.22	+0.10	3.51
Smaller Cos	193.00	206.30	-0.70	1.13
2nd Smaller Cos	184.60	197.30	-0.70	1.12
Recovery	157.80	168.60	..	1.68
Met Min & Cdty	165.60	177.00	-0.70	0.71
Oseas Earnings	380.90	407.00	-1.30	1.93
Technology	165.30	176.70	+0.60	0.02
UK Special Sits	494.30	528.40	-0.40	1.82

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Fundtn Pens Pens	69.29	71.98		4.00

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International	65.98	70.19		0.48

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America	319.70	334.50	-3.30	..
Bond	125.70	133.20	-0.30	5.95
Brit Smlr Cos	109.30	116.30	-0.60	0.90
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Cash Trust	50.34	50.34	+0.01	4.90
Convertible	45.39	48.92	-0.46	5.60
Eastern	327.20	354.70	+2.30	1.60
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	4.90
European Growth	301.20	322.00	+2.40	1.50
Europe	215.40	222.90	+0.60	1.56
German Growth	72.27	75.71	+0.32	0.70
Global Bond	70.55	74.82	-0.01	5.39
Global Growth	137.40	146.70	+0.40	
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.40	
Japan Sunrise	184.60	[illegible]	+6.30	
Korea Trust	[illegible]	52.52	+1.01	
Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]		3.01
UK Growth	96.54	106.00		2.90
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.10	1.80
Select Managers	50.92	59.52	+0.19	2.05

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Special Opps Inc	[illegible]	62.14		

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	154.60	229.20		0.45
Dividend	46.57	[illegible]	-0.46	4.11
Int Gth & Inc	236.60	257.00	-2.40	2.38
UK & Gen	45.67	[illegible]	+0.12	[illegible]
Fund of Funds	71.76	76.00	+0.17	

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	115.90	123.35	+0.40	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	113.40	121.29	+0.56	[illegible]
Higher Yield	49.15	52.50	-0.01	2.43
American Gth Inc	77.57	82.79	+0.32	
European Growth	139.16	148.53	-0.98	
Global Bond Inc	31.73	33.87	-0.06	4.44
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	46.64	49.63	-0.07	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	99.54	99.55	-0.20	4.92

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	162.30	172.70		1.24
UK Growth	176.00	187.30	-0.20	1.58
UK Income	146.50	155.90	-0.30	3.56

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	198.30	210.20	-1.00	1.72
-do- Income Dist	120.10	127.40	-0.10	4.19
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.97	46.51	-0.12	5.84

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European Inc	81.54	86.39	-0.40	0.48
Smaller Cos H-Il	88.12	93.75	+0.85	1.34
Growth	468.50	501.10	+1.10	1.76
Income & Growth	441.10	469.30	-1.60	3.20
Japan & Gen	76.11	80.97	-0.28	..
Master Portfolio	11384	11911	+37.000	1.35
Special Sits	106.50	113.30	+0.40	1.75
High Yield	1440.0	1485.0	-4.00	3.61

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	39.57	42.32	+0.08	0.97
Cash Income	50.44	50.44	+0.01	5.09
European Gwth	40.56	43.25	-0.25	0.81
Income & Gwth Inc	30.71	32.84	-0.05	3.77
Intnl Gwth	33.27	35.58	+0.04	0.72
Japan Gwth	28.44	30.41	+0.08	..
Managed Tst Inc	51.83	55.43	+0.19	0.47
Oriental Opps Inc	168.90	180.60	-0.70	0.54
Property Shares	49.92	53.39	+0.19	1.57
Smaller Cos	34.55	36.95	-0.11	1.43
UK Growth Tst	27.92	29.86	-0.07	2.52
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	77.25	82.62	+0.35	1.56
Cap Hse UK Inc	71.52	76.49	+0.27	2.24
Exempt	23.59	24.26		
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.75	28.60	-0.14	0.37
European Acc	27.74	29.66	-0.19	0.37
Financial	167.50	179.10	-0.60	2.27
Foundation	98.27	105.10	-0.30	2.42
German	49.76	53.21	-0.33	0.07
High Income	83.29	89.07	-0.29	5.73
Income	145.70	155.90	-0.80	3.53
Intl Growth	39.98	42.75	-0.20	0.15
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	113.00	120.90		1.53
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	216.10	231.10		1.53
Monthly Income	88.55	94.70	-2.35	3.46
North American	116.10	124.10	+1.10	0.15
Orient	161.70	172.90		

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	85.97	91.96	-0.26	2.11
American Portfolio	93.79	100.02	+0.12	1.00
European Portfolio	98.23	104.89	-0.64	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	71.87	76.42	-0.75	
Pacific Portfolio	156.91	168.73	-2.21	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	78.84	84.47	-0.30	3.44
Utility & Bond	60.11	60.92	-0.05	5.95

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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UK General Tst	68.51	72.88	-0.12	2.75
Global Tst				
Recovery Tst				

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	153.60	166.21		
UK Growth	117.55	126.76		1.01
UK Income	121.03	131.98		3.56

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	91.51	96.77		1.73
Beck Bio-Tech	41.28	43.91	-0.94	
Acorn Ethical Tst	176.60	195.90		1.14
City Fin Assets	77.33	81.40		1.51
City Fin America	83.33	87.72		
City Fin Intl	84.72	89.18		0.45
City Fin Japan	172.85	181.95		
Friars Hse Cap	296.30	313.55		2.13
Friars Hse Inc	217.27	228.18		4.53
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.33	158.96		0.63
Fairmont Cap Gth	153.52	161.60	+0.25	
-do- Inc & Gth	125.23	131.82	-2.02	1.50
Fairmount Intl	171.00	180.00	+1.83	
City Fin Pflo Inc	62.59	66.58	-2.06	2.49

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	62.15	67.04	-0.39	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	60.92	65.16	-0.22	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	40.02	43.03	-0.21	
Dragon Growth	83.61	89.21	-0.05	0.29
Equity High Inc	90.34	96.11	-0.10	3.54
European Gwth	51.24	54.51	+0.37	0.60
Evergreen	32.60	34.87	+0.19	
General Equity	91.32	96.89	+0.24	1.64
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.41	28.91	+0.09	7.87
Japan Growth	51.72	55.81	+0.21	
Pedigree Gwth	54.52	58.01	+0.17	1.50
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.83	37.05	+0.05	0.54
Retirement Inc	28.50	30.65	+0.04	4.91
Special Sits	42.00	44.92	+0.21	1.54
UK & Overseas	53.22	56.62	+0.13	0.75

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	68.26	73.01	-0.27	2.63
Income	64.06	68.51	-0.25	3.63

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9888
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	181.20	192.87	-0.22	4.58
Fixed & Convertible	47.51	50.54	-0.19	5.62
Monthly Inc Plus	54.70	58.19	-0.11	7.20
Preference Share	53.77	57.20	-0.08	6.66
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.66	151.77	-0.04	5.41
Managed Fund	72.46	77.08	+0.17	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.34	49.30	+0.14	1.72
UK & General	83.61	88.95	+0.16	2.43
UK Growth	147.60	157.02	-1.39	1.56
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	193.54	205.89	+0.91	
Far Eastern Grth	151.06	160.70	-0.11	0.26
Global Bond	89.43	95.12	-0.05	5.63
Japan Growth	127.64	137.92	-0.31	
North Amer Grth	168.08	179.81	+0.47	
Oriental Growth	92.33	98.22	-0.13	
Worldwide Growth	67.95	72.29	-0.22	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.74	92.74	+0.01	4.67
Homemaker Fund	91.39	96.59	+0.14	1.77
Quilter Fund	142.24	151.32	-0.33	1.96

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	62.05	66.01	+0.14	2.40
High Income	36.26	38.57	-0.04	4.20
Japan	37.45	39.84	+0.12	
Smaller Cos Inc	34.26	36.44	+0.06	2.10
Smaller Cos	35.65	37.92	+0.06	2.10
North American	34.35	36.54	+0.10	0.52
European	38.54	40.99	-0.26	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	33.30	35.70	+2.80	4.15

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	155.50	165.50	+0.10	1.55
Income	42.21	45.34	-0.57	4.31
European	62.71	66.72	+0.13	0.62
Recovery	145.40	154.70	-0.60	1.44

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	75.82	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	206.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	163.60	174.17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inv Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income Port	72.73	77.35	[illegible]	[illegible]

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 8177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
US Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	204.20	217.00		[illegible]

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	268.00	287.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Asia	248.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	129.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Jap Smllr Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth Amer	260.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shiland Asia Pac Mkt	140.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Inc & Grth	233.40	248.90		3.20

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK High Inc Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.50	67.31	[illegible]	[illegible]
Environmntl Opps	87.15	92.72	+1.22	

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	126.70	134.60	+0.32	[illegible]
Convertibles	25.42	27.34	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Income	143.30	152.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eurofund	46.51	49.19	[illegible]	[illegible]
Financial	55.23	58.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth & Inc	253.40	269.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Dist	177.80	189.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	422.60	449.00	+2.50	[illegible]
Intl Income	102.50	109.40		[illegible]
Latin American	59.01	62.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	94.73	100.73	[illegible]	
Preference Share	26.22	27.86	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	229.50	243.60	+3.50	
UK Smaller Cos	256.90	273.00	+0.80	[illegible]

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	234.40	250.20		

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	219.70	232.70	-2.50	[illegible]

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW 0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pelican	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Tst of Inv Tsts	200.46	211.07	-1.20	[illegible]

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	229.75	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Recovery	61.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	119.36	126.64	-0.32	4.73
Capital Growth	[illegible]	75.09	[illegible]	
Fd of Inv Tsts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	49.85	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warrant	[illegible]	75.45	[illegible]	
Zero Preference	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.09	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 720 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Family Income Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Family Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Finded Charities	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.70
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.77	26.14	-0.03	3.01
-do- Europe	24.42	25.74	+0.08	4.82
-do- America	24.19	25.49	..	0.37
-do- Acc Japan	27.56	29.26	-0.30	0.57
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.36	31.67	-0.07	6.13
Intl Bond	32.70	34.08	-0.13	4.71
Income Funds				
High Income	30.03	31.60	+0.04	4.49
Income Plus	132.10	140.50	+0.30	3.56
Amer Eq Inc	50.16	53.29	-0.12	1.66
European Income	46.53	49.48	-0.03	2.14
Far East Inc	67.28	71.87	-0.29	2.11
Global Convertible	26.32	28.09	+0.19	1.91
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.92	71.39		
American	250.00	265.00	+1.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	116.40	124.20	+1.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	43.06	45.94	-0.14	...
European	170.90	181.80	-0.80	...
European Opps	63.25	67.26	-0.18	..
UK Growth	94.14	100.10	+0.49	..
Growth & Inc	165.60	176.10	-0.70	2.21
Intl PEP	37.86	40.26	-0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	95.86	102.40	+0.10	...
Japan	202.50	216.00	+0.40	..
Managed Intl	280.90	299.40	-0.60	...
Moneybuilder	56.00	59.74	+0.14	..
Recovery	49.95	51.96	+0.16	..
South E Asia	181.20	193.30	-0.20	..
Special Sits	573.30	609.60	-2.60	
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	116.60	122.90	-0.90	2.45
UK Reverse Index	71.07	74.93	-0.59	4.85
Europe Index	120.20	126.60	-0.20	4.21
-do- Reverse Index	62.89	66.35	-0.42	8.52
America Index	105.10	110.70	+0.40	0.70
-do- Reverse Index	94.38	99.52	-0.37	0.94
Japan Index	137.20	144.60	-0.30	0.75
-do- Reverse Index	92.79	97.90	-0.95	1.43
Cash Accum Units	104.35	104.35	+0.01	4.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	150.90	154.10		1.96
Inc Ptfolio	96.66	98.48	-0.36	3.24
Cap Ptfolio	156.90	159.70		0.55
General Opps	138.40	140.40		3.08
Growth Inc	33.06	33.70	-0.01	2.03
Private Portfolio	444.40	452.50		1.35

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010
Hypo Foreign & Colonial

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	117.40	124.20	+0.50	..
Far Eastern	195.80	210.10	-0.10	..
High Income	23.36	24.97	+0.01	10.15
Oseas Income	104.50	111.70	-0.40	2.67
UK Growth	123.00	131.60	+0.70	0.72
UK Income	117.00	125.20	-0.20	4.79
US Smaller Cos	306.60	327.90	-1.30	

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	53.03	56.42	-0.06	3.66
-do- Inv Tst Inc	82.91	89.20	-0.23	3.51
Intl Growth	76.91	81.82	..	1.11
Investment Trust	97.52	103.74	-0.27	0.21
UK Smaller Cos	88.30	93.94	+0.04	1.15

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	58.00	61.87	+0.54	.
(Accum Units)	58.00	61.87	+0.54	
Amer Smllr Cos	517.80	552.70	+3.90	
(Accum Units)	529.00	565.70	+4.00	
Capital Tst	346.00	368.00	+1.20	1.23
(Accum Units)	486.90	517.70	+1.50	1.25
Contl Smllr Cos	60.87	65.36	+0.21	0.19
(Accum Units)	63.63	68.34	+0.21	0.19
Convertible	147.60	156.90	+0.10	4.33
(Accum Units)	285.90	304.10	+0.40	4.33
Emerging Markets	94.73	101.20	-0.10	..
(Accum Units)	94.82	101.30	..	..
European	121.70	129.30	+0.60	0.09
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.80	-0.60	0.09
Extra Income	363.70	386.60	-0.70	5.99
(Accum Units)	525.30	560.60	-0.90	5.99
Financial	129.20	138.70	+0.20	0.29
(Accum Units)	135.20	145.20	+0.20	0.29
Gilt Trust	70.46	73.19	+0.42	5.29
(Accum Units)	93.99	96.90	+0.56	5.09
Health Fund Inc	149.70	158.90	+0.80	
(Accum Units)	144.70	159.50	+0.80	
Income & Growth	213.40	226.90	-0.50	2.97
(Accum Units)	309.20	328.90	-0.60	2.97
Intl Growth	394.20	423.30	+1.80	
(Accum Units)	437.90	470.00	+2.00	
Japan & Gen	198.80	213.00	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	200.80	215.10	-0.80	..
Managed Port Inc	113.40	119.30	+0.20	0.56
(Accum Units)	119.20	125.40	+0.20	0.56
Monthly Income	155.10	196.80	-0.30	3.08
Quarterly Income	75.01	82.76	+0.03	3.90
(Accum Units)	60.86	64.73	+0.51	3.90
Recovery	377.10	403.20	+2.20	0.09
(Accum Units)	443.10	473.80	+2.70	0.08
UK Growth	55.59	59.35	-0.02	2.09
(Accum Units)	55.59	59.35	-0.02	2.09

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	414.83	441.31	-0.65	2.09
-do- Accum	855.76	910.38	-1.35	2.09
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.31	145.01	-0.93	0.33
-do- Accum	141.57	150.61	-0.98	0.33
FP Fixed Int Dist	145.03	153.41	+0.18	5.68
-do- Accum	251.24	265.75	+0.30	5.68
FP Intl Gth Dist	98.62	104.91	+0.58	0.34
-do- Accum	102.66	109.21	+0.60	0.34
FP Nth Amer Dist	203.94	216.04	+1.57	0.52
-do- Accum	222.85	236.07	+1.73	0.52
FP Pac Basin Dist	344.86	366.87	+1.49	0.01
-do- Accum	351.44	373.67	+1.51	0.01
Stewardship Dist	366.73	390.14	-0.85	1.51
-do- Accum	440.18	468.28	-1.02	1.51
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	79.47	84.54	-0.23	2.87
-do- Accum	100.02	106.40	-0.29	2.87
N Am Sshp Dist	107.49	114.35	+0.36	0.32
-do- Accum	113.80	121.06	+0.39	0.32

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	255.20	269.90	-0.40	1.82
Cash	49.31	50.05		4.27
Growth Portfolio	89.59	94.96	+0.63	0.32
Income Portfolio	73.86	79.10	-0.10	3.19

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	163.90	175.30	+1.10	...
European	552.10	590.10	+1.60	1.22
Far East & Gen	296.80	317.30	+1.30	..
Germany	119.80	127.20	+1.10	
Global Asset Inc				
Income Inc	171.10	183.00	-1.80	4.12
International	384.40	411.20	-1.00	0.31
Intl Income	99.56	104.52	+0.40	3.74
Japan & General	426.20	453.70	+0.50	
Korean Securities	79.55	85.08	+0.05	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.87	60.61	+0.42	2.22
UK Capital Inc	194.30	212.10	-1.29	1.66
US Spec Sits	99.48	106.40	+0.55	
US & General	139.20	147.00	-0.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	178.12	190.20		0.09

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	54.27	58.09	-0.34	1.42
Cash Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.42
Prudential Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.26	3.40
UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.24	1.24
Income Funds				
Preference Share	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.24	6.56
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.05	4.34
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.36	3.34
Global Bond	31.04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.87
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	72.25	[illegible]	-1.28	
Global Inc & Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.41
Gold & Intl Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.34	0.25
Global Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.21	0.65
Overseas Funds				
American	146.23	156.36	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	100.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Sm Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Emerging	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Hong Kong	[illegible]	223.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Growth	256.76	274.91	-1.28	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Long Term Bal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Med Term Bal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerging Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Index Linked Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Amer Emerging	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7525

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Higher Income	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7898

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gilt Bull (£)	11.748	12.360	-0.106	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	7.2772	7.3978	+0.053	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.818	10.973	+0.054	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	13.036	13.732	-0.022	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	98.565	104.45	-2.01	0.88
Bridge Income	296.11	315.01	-8.24	4.60

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.40	134.40	+0.10	3.76
European	471.90	504.00	+2.00	..
Gilt & Fixed	140.10	148.60	+0.10	5.17
Growth Equity	357.80	382.20	+1.30	1.63
Income Trust	135.90	144.70	-0.80	2.73
International	195.90	209.20	-1.30	...
Japan Trust	135.90	145.10	-0.70	...
Nth American	256.20	273.90	-3.60	...
Pacific	655.70	700.50	+3.50	...
Guardhill	525.10	560.90	+1.60	1.64

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	119.10	126.67	-0.98	7.68
Global High Inc	122.40	127.07	+2.97	7.85
Prem Fixed Inc	117.40	121.86	-0.45	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	111.15	118.19	-0.33	4.33
European Growth	97.70	102.88	-0.29	..
Intl PEP Trust	63.02	67.01	-0.31	..
High Income	127.62	135.69	-1.81	3.64
Recovery	417.30	443.70	-1.80	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	135.89	140.97	-4.75	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	255.60	271.70	-0.30	1.13
Tmp Br Sm Co In	371.10	377.60	+1.60	1.60

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 560

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	41.41	44.37		1.21
Income Advtg Inc	34.77	35.89	-0.10	3.10

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Ptfolio	217.20	230.50	+0.40	1.98
Smaller Cos	36.64	38.95	+0.04	1.49

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2357, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 224 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	321.50	344.00	-2.25	0.69
Best of British	66.82	71.44	-0.21	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	134.01	144.06	-0.34	0.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	298.09	317.46	-0.27	2.58
High Income	356.52	381.44	-0.89	3.29
Extra Income	323.43	[illegible]	-0.53	3.99
Pref & Gilt	50.40	54.18	-0.05	7.54
International				
International	290.40	309.49	+1.11	0.38
Global Bond	59.76	63.57	-0.03	5.04
Family of Funds	56.62	60.37	-0.11	0.17
Global Tech	170.07	181.19	+0.90	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	203.77	217.16	-0.37	..
European	445.49	474.27	+2.39	0.27
European Income	47.42	50.47	+0.44	2.24
Euro Smlr Cos	150.21	160.23	-0.07	0.36
Eur Sp Sits	68.74	73.22	-0.26	0.49
Japan Trust	226.59	244.97	+0.51	...
Japan Special Sits	251.39	268.28	+0.21	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	283.94	301.95	+0.35	0.09
North American	254.26	271.39	+1.04	..
American Smaller	112.37	120.12	+1.07	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	59.70	63.26	+3.57	..
Eur Sp Sits	59.00	62.57	-3.15	
General Growth	44.43	47.09	+0.19	
Global Tech	62.64	66.39	+0.55	
Income Growth	44.77	47.45	+0.04	
Japan Growth	26.97	28.59	-0.06	..
Overseas Growth	42.37	44.91	-0.19	
Smaller Cos	27.61	29.26	+0.10	
Special Opps	31.37	33.27	[illegible]	
Sterling Liquidity				
Wwide Sp Sits	52.37	55.10	+0.13	

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	136.50	146.00	-0.60	1.73
Capital	144.50	154.40	+0.90	1.54
Dollar	226.70	241.10	+2.50	0.01
European	243.60	260.60	+1.70	0.41
Far East	376.60	402.10	+5.40	0.20
Financial	914.40	979.50	+3.00	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.34	28.44	-0.29	[illegible]
High Yield	120.70	129.00		3.81
Income & Growth	159.60	170.60		2.61
International	264.50	281.30	+1.40	[illegible]
Japanese General	207.20	222.10	+3.60	
Japan Tech	90.25	95.52	+2.10	
Nat Resources	61.09	65.21	-0.47	0.41
Portfolio	79.52	85.36	+0.17	1.62
Security	352.20	376.70	-1.90	1.71
Smaller Cos	144.20	154.20	-0.50	1.14
Special Sits	165.90	177.40	-0.30	1.26
UK Emerging Cos	96.37	103.30	-0.10	0.26
US Smaller Cos	79.53	85.05	+0.24	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	207.10	220.70	+1.00	1.19
Eurotrack 100	159.40	169.20	+0.90	0.92
Footsie Fund	56.15	59.39	-0.20	2.31
Japan Index	64.02	69.39	-0.20	0.12
Tiger Index	229.30	244.70	-0.70	0.17
Treble Index	131.30	140.10	-0.30	1.56
UK Index	148.49	158.40	-0.20	2.61
Active Funds				
American Growth	499.00	532.60	+4.00	0.16
Asian	64.06	69.01	+0.24	..
Capital	646.50	690.00	-1.00	1.94
European Growth	112.30	119.00	-0.50	0.27
Global Bond	24.93	26.27	-0.06	6.05
Hong Kong Growth	140.60	150.10	-1.00	0.45
Income	610.10	651.10	-1.70	2.50
Intl Growth	83.42	88.82	+0.35	0.09
Japan Growth	102.60	122.90	+1.00	..
Japan Smllr Cos	37.90	39.42	+0.21	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	80.99	85.44	+0.05	..
Midland Unit Trusts				
Balanced	63.36	67.75	+0.12	2.10
(Accum Units)	65.14	69.66	+0.12	2.10
British Tst	90.71	96.32	+0.05	1.75
(Accum Units)	92.70	98.30	+0.10	1.75
Extra High Inc	77.05	83.07	+0.20	5.42
(Accum Units)	142.36	152.10	+0.30	5.42
Gilt & Fxd Int	62.33	62.49	+0.04	5.96
(Accum Units)	54.50	57.20	+0.10	5.96
High Yield	254.20	271.90	+0.20	4.19
(Accum Units)	616.10	658.60	+0.50	4.19
Income	324.40	347.00	+2.20	2.64
(Accum Units)	692.50	741.70	+5.90	2.64
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Mandarin Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.59
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.59
Money Market UT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American				
(Accum Units)				
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7154 Admin: 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	99.90	106.30	+0.10	1.23
European	159.20	169.40	+0.40	1.16
(Accum Units)	208.40	221.70	+0.40	1.16
General	305.90	325.40	+0.70	2.77
(Accum Units)	509.80	542.30	...	2.77
Japan	451.60	480.40	+2.30	...
(Accum Units)	456.70	485.80	+2.40	...
Japanese Special	256.60	273.00	+1.30	...
(Accum Units)	257.80	274.30	+1.30	...
Master Accum	265.40	282.30	+0.30	0.76
Pacific	380.90	405.20	+0.10	0.36
(Accum Units)	446.70	475.20	+0.10	0.36
Smaller Cos	125.60	133.60	+0.43	0.87
(Accum Units)	170.20	181.10	+0.50	0.57
UK Equity Growth	47.72	50.77	+0.07	1.53
(Accum Units)	89.37	95.07	+0.14	1.53

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	68.71	73.09	+0.41	0.80
Inv Trust	76.21	81.07	-0.34	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	62.66	66.05	-0.31	1.60
High Inc Acc	60.65	64.52	-0.05	4.40

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	96.06	102.10	+0.70	0.38
Extra Income	27.89	29.67	-0.02	3.03
Far East	33.75	35.90	-0.01	0.25
Income & Gwth	85.27	90.71	+0.12	2.30
Intl Growth	61.50	65.43	+0.25	0.36
Japan	68.38	72.74	+0.04	...
Maximum Dis	99.77	101.70		6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.79	45.52	...	0.11
UK Equity	100.90	107.20		2.01

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	687.10	701.10	...	4.63
Intl & General	460.60	470.00	...	0.55

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	61.85	65.80	-0.12	3.80
Smaller Cos	58.66	62.07	-0.17	0.81

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	271.90	289.30	+1.00	1.54
High Income	121.10	128.60	-0.40	3.42
International	105.10	111.80		0.40
Recovery Trust	69.46	73.89	-0.09	1.17
European Trust	88.43	94.13	-0.26	0.70
Japanese Trust	48.79	51.90	+0.45	...
American Trust	86.12	91.62	+0.26	...
Managed	72.36	76.98	+0.11	0.37
Cash	51.62	51.62	..	4.32

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	376.00	382.10	-3.90	2.51
UK Inc/Gth	409.70	416.20	-5.60	2.77
UK Income	290.70	295.40	-5.60	3.36
UK Sm Cos	269.40	278.90	+1.50	1.31
Euro Gwth	124.10	125.10	-2.10	..
N Amer Gwth	85.30	86.30	-2.43	0.22
Jap & Pac Gth	89.19	90.46	+0.51	..
Money Mkt	117.53	117.53	...	2.340

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	507.70	540.13	+1.50	2.17
Equity Income	109.80	116.80	-0.30	3.10
UK Tactical Allocn	60.43	64.17	-0.24	3.68
European	119.40	126.00	-0.80	0.69
Far Eastern	261.30	278.00	-1.60	...
Fixed Interest	57.73	61.29	+0.04	6.04
Gilt	99.42	105.40	+0.10	5.54
Global Growth	85.34	90.79	+0.56	..
Intl Bond	57.52	61.07	+0.04	5.85
Japanese	79.52	84.60	+0.32	..
North American	161.50	171.80	+0.60	0.26
Pacific Growth	140.10	149.00	+0.40	...
UK Index	67.51	71.25	+0.20	2.57
UK Recovery	99.64	106.00	+0.50	1.42
UK Smaller Cos	135.70	144.40	+0.30	0.86
US Index	62.20	65.65	+0.24	1.61
European Index	75.19	79.35	+0.45	1.30
Japan Index	43.93	46.36	+0.10	..
Worldwide	91.49	97.33	+0.27	1.29

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	51.94	55.59	+0.11	2.00
Income	63.96	68.30	-0.08	3.44
Far East	64.14	68.60	+0.07	...
North American	105.90	113.90	+0.90	
Global	108.10	115.60	-0.90	0.60
European	91.51	97.87	-0.04	0.90
Japan	119.00	127.30	-0.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	61.57	65.31	+0.16	5.83
SE Asia	137.10	146.70		0.67
UK Cap Growth	98.95	105.90	+0.30	1.75

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	371.60	395.40	+1.10	2.23
-do- Acc	825.00	877.70	+2.40	2.23
Contl Euro Gth	64.36	67.75	-0.95	0.98
-do- Acc	68.55	72.16	-1.01	0.98
Extra Inc	281.90	299.80	-0.60	3.10
-do- Acc	706.80	752.00	-1.50	3.10
German Gth	121.10	127.50	-1.40	0.11
-do- Acc	127.00	133.70	-1.40	0.11
Growth Port	590.30	628.00	-1.90	0.10
-do- Acc	595.30	633.30	-1.90	0.10
Income	529.20	563.00	-0.80	3.01
-do- Acc	1380.0	1469.0	-2.00	3.01
Income Port	546.60	581.50	-0.60	3.52
-do- Acc	561.70	597.60	-0.60	3.52
Japan Growth	111.20	118.30	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	111.60	118.80	+0.50	...
Master Trust	62.81	66.82	+0.15	0.89
-do- Acc	69.15	73.57	+0.18	0.89
N American Gen	205.70	218.90	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	237.60	252.80	+0.20	...
Nam Sm Co Rec	156.10	166.10	+1.40	..
-do- Acc	159.30	169.50	+1.50	..
Pacific Basin	319.60	340.00	+0.60	0.17
-do- Acc	339.10	360.80	+0.70	0.17
Small Cos Rec	398.00	419.00	+13.70	1.76
-do- Acc	522.60	550.40	+17.90	1.76
UK Growth	92.30	98.34	+0.25	1.77
-do- Acc	110.40	117.50	+0.20	1.77
Worldwide Gth	351.10	373.60	+2.20	0.19
-do- Acc	517.90	551.00	+3.20	0.19

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	69.43	74.50	+0.45	0.30
General	94.60	101.50	+0.07	2.30
Income	75.74	81.27	+0.03	4.40
International	70.17	75.29	+0.27	0.70
Japan	59.22	63.54	+0.19	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	75.85	81.38	-0.25	1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	433.70	458.60	+4.70	0.69
Amer Recovery	490.90	519.10	+5.30	0.22
Amer Smllr Cos	138.90	146.90	+1.90	
Australasian	192.00	202.00	+0.30	1.06
Capital	861.60	911.10	+1.90	1.90
Charifund	764.10	771.80	-2.20	4.73
Commodity	415.20	440.10	+1.60	0.32
Compound Grth	989.40	1046.7	-1.50	2.18
Dividend	[illegible]	46.30		[illegible]
Equity Income	395.30	417.40	-1.90	4.24
Euro & General	522.10	550.00	-6.80	0.47
Euro Dividend	75.60	79.90	-0.20	3.20
Extra Yield	461.20	487.70	-1.20	4.32
Far Eastern	424.30	449.90	-1.60	0.17
Fund of Inv Tsts	698.60	[illegible]	-2.70	1.60
General	65.90	69.70	-0.10	3.36
Gilt Income	64.92	66.91	-0.08	5.27
Gold	73.30	79.90	-3.60	2.46
High Income	31.30	33.31	-0.12	4.00
Intl Growth	80.80	84.50	-0.20	0.65
International Inc	111.20	117.40	-0.50	3.56
Japan & Gen	30.30	32.20	+0.30	
Japan Smllr Cos	171.40	181.20	+1.20	
Managed Income	70.40	71.90		5.50
Midland	69.80	73.80		2.37
Pension Ex	1030.4	[illegible]	-1.10	3.45
Recovery	45.80	48.40	-0.20	1.91
Second General	77.00	81.40	-0.30	3.09
Smaller Cos	75.40	80.90	+0.40	2.36
Treasury	25.26	25.09		4.75
Trustee	47.00	49.70	-0.20	3.70

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	84.76	90.17	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	321.40	342.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	77.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Equity Growth	74.68	79.44	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Amer Growth	102.25	109.43	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits Growth	24.01	25.54	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	402.90	428.60	[illegible]	[illegible]

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1369.5	1398.2		2.50

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	155.90	166.20		3.54

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 484

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	208.30	222.90		[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int	192.50	202.50	-0.40	6.56
Intl Growth	225.10	240.90	+0.40	[illegible]
North American	187.30	200.60	+1.50	[illegible]
Far East	213.00	227.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	183.00	195.70	-0.40	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese Growth	49.21	52.55	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Ptfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	203.90	219.10	[illegible]	[illegible]

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MGMT
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 660 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Ptflio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	182.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Sel Ptflio	138.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 942

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
New Europe	184.20	196.50	+1.50	1.32
(Accum Units)	188.40	201.00	+1.50	1.32
Pacific	147.60	157.40	+0.60	0.53
(Accum Units)	156.90	167.40	+0.70	0.53
Recovery	369.70	394.30	+6.60	2.28
(Accum Units)	468.80	500.10	+8.40	2.28
UK Smaller Cos	65.48	69.85	+0.30	1.56
(Accum Units)	73.54	78.44	+0.35	1.56
Portfolio	87.38	92.96	+0.25	2.44
(Accum Units)	100.30	106.60	+0.20	2.44

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	120.71	128.41	+0.76	0.80
Intl Strategy	69.81	74.27	-0.48	0.62
UK Income Inc	84.06	89.43	-0.23	5.44

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.46	14.38	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	323.20	344.00	+3.70	...
European Gth Inc	391.10	417.10	+1.90	...
Intl Gwth	206.20	220.20	+0.40	...
UK Equity Inc	194.40	207.20	-0.10	2.83
UK Ind Trckr Inc	171.00	182.80	-0.10	2.67
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	206.60	219.30	+1.60	1.41
Japan Tracker	80.39	85.03	+0.22	...
Asian Trader	249.90	269.70	-0.30	0.36
Managed Inc	157.30	169.20	-0.50	1.54
Deposit Inc	99.88	99.88	+0.01	4.22
Europa	178.30	191.10	+0.10	..
Genesis	167.70	182.40	+0.30	...
High Income	24.07	25.52	-0.02	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	101.60	103.90	+0.50	1.96
Acumen Inc	97.86	99.95	+0.46	1.96
Acumen Reserve	88.84	89.73	+0.01	6.60
-do- Inc	81.03	81.85	+0.02	6.60
American Income	189.00	193.80	+1.40	1.34
Cash Income	49.55	50.05	...	4.62
Equity Income	108.00	110.90	+0.40	4.13
European	78.32	79.71	+1.01	0.71
Smaller Cos	86.65	90.21	-0.12	0.82
Olympiad	74.60	76.73	+0.52	0.08
Global Bond	49.62	50.17	+0.17	5.94
UK Growth	98.13	101.10	+0.30	1.40
Pacific Growth	127.80	133.20	+0.70	..
Japan Growth	100.50	102.40	+0.10	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	124.99	132.85	-0.44	2.71

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	113.90	121.10	-0.80	1.47
Open Cap Gth Inc	116.10	123.50	-0.50	1.30
NM Unit Trusts				
American	46.70	49.75	+0.50	1.58
Australian	383.10	411.00	+0.60	...
Conscience	77.76	82.98	+0.06	0.42
European	206.70	219.80	-1.00	0.68
Extra Income	81.79	87.27	-0.03	5.08
Gilt & FI	61.64	65.05	+0.05	5.69
Gold	68.15	73.21	+0.94	..
Income	60.94	65.00	-0.05	3.58
Intnl	35.18	37.62	+0.05	0.66
Jap Smaller Cos	366.60	389.90	+0.70	...
Sing & Malaysian	265.20	284.30		
Smaller Cos	33.69	36.22	+0.72	0.55
Special Sits	39.87	42.81	-0.16	1.43
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	..	4.50
Tokyo	89.67	95.64	-0.35	..
UK Equity	188.80	201.30	+0.50	2.47
US Smaller Cos	121.40	129.90	-3.20	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	81.19	86.38	+0.37	1.59
UK Income	119.30	127.00	-0.30	3.10
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.92	86.69	-0.15	5.83
Higher Income	242.80	256.40	-0.60	4.02
Smaller Cos	91.51	97.36	+0.28	1.25
International	107.40	114.30	-1.40	1.15

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	115.90	123.80	+0.80	
European Dist	108.70	116.30	-0.60	...
Far East Dist	197.80	211.60	+0.60	...
Global Care Dist	78.07	83.50	-0.02	2.28
Oseas Dist	1082.1	1157.3	+4.70	0.33
UK Dist	371.10	396.90	+1.30	1.95
UK Extra Inc Dist	92.83	98.59	+0.03	3.49
Wwide Dist	111.40	119.10	+0.60	...
Wwide Inc Dist	75.45	80.69	+0.03	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	63.57	67.09	+0.14	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	62.14	65.58	+0.13	0.50
North America Inc	52.66	55.58	+0.23	0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc	64.85	68.44	+0.31	1.50
UK General Inc	63.17	66.67	+0.20	1.81
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	52.09	54.83	+0.07	6.00
UK Income Inc	64.29	67.85	-0.17	2.27

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	247.78	263.60	+0.36	3.20
Global	373.09	396.91	+1.56	1.04
General	207.18	220.41	+0.72	1.17
Bond	137.19	145.68	-0.05	6.03
Growth	135.06	143.68	+0.35	1.55
Intrepid	130.54	135.98		1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	130.95	139.31	+0.17	1.14
UK Equity	149.80	159.36	+0.41	2.72
UK Equity Income	143.75	152.93	+0.09	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	134.03	142.59	+0.43	1.24
UK Equity Growth	137.87	146.67	+0.55	2.44
UK Index Trckg	152.00	161.70	-0.64	2.95
Intl Index Trckg	150.77	160.39	+0.52	0.99
International	246.72	262.47	+0.52	0.55
European	188.28	200.30	+0.90	0.36
Pan European	133.44	141.96	+0.63	1.04
Nth American	167.55	178.25	+0.60	0.50
N Amer Smlr Cos	191.12	203.32	+1.28	...
Japanese	100.44	106.85	+0.07	
Pacific	268.13	285.25	+0.04	...
South East Asian	300.67	319.86	-0.35	0.17
Intl Bond	141.28	150.30	+0.46	4.04
Gilt & Convertible	114.16	121.45	+0.56	5.95
Property	82.59	88.97	+0.07	5.48

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	259.20	274.60	+0.30	1.92
Growth	166.40	175.10	+0.30	2.10
Income	261.90	278.60	+0.20	2.91
Intl Equity	263.50	280.30	+1.20	0.53
UK Income	71.88	76.46	+0.05	2.53
UK Intl 25	82.57	88.40	+0.21	1.48
New Europe	77.14	82.06	+0.55	0.27

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	642.25	686.90	-1.47	0.01
Income	366.04	391.49	-1.88	3.43
Wwide Recovery	405.77	433.98	+0.94	0.01
Amer Growth Inc	238.32	254.59	+0.58	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	272.59	291.56	+0.14	0.03
Far East Grth Inc	324.04	346.63	-2.09	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	147.18	157.42	-1.41	0.39
UK Growth Inc	93.57	100.40	-0.45	2.01
High Income	100.74	107.75	-0.27	3.26
Jap Gwth Inc	239.25	254.29	-1.06	0.01
PEP Growth	126.87	135.69	-0.19	0.52
Asian Smr Mkts Inc	151.53	162.07	-0.45	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	147.43	157.68	+0.46	0.01
Global Bond	55.21	58.94	+0.26	5.25
UK Smaller Cos Inc	86.79	92.83	+0.31	0.94

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
30 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6QQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	112.49	120.73	+1.66	.
European	72.15	76.75	-0.10	0.25
Global	74.66	79.41	-0.73	..
Pacific	73.77	78.46	-0.49	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	70.84	77.36	-0.11	1.90

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BFI Director Digs	110.51	117.64	-0.25	.

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	173.83	192.98		0.58

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	63.97	67.80	-0.13	[illegible]
Growth Income	55.61	59.54	-0.04	1.21

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	144.77	154.02	-1.07	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	102.30	109.87	-0.50	2.04
Conv & Gilt	121.50	129.70		4.96
European Income	79.90	84.90	-0.21	2.25
Extra Income	168.00	179.70	-0.70	3.36
Far East	436.50	464.30	-0.60	0.20
Global Income	26.81	28.52	+0.04	3.96
High Income	127.70	135.90	-0.30	3.11
International	226.60	240.50	+0.90	0.35
Pref & Fxd Int	45.97	48.90	-0.10	6.90
Recovery	88.73	94.39	+0.24	1.55
Special Sits	117.30	124.90	+0.25	1.36
Technology	257.40	280.20	-2.70	..
UK Blue Chip	72.74	77.43	+0.04	2.44

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	57.01	60.66	+0.14	2.30
International	97.59	104.33	+0.29	0.65
Gilt	25.15	26.89	+0.12	7.00
Income & Gwth	50.52	53.75	-0.08	3.94
European	54.26	57.74	-0.42	1.11
American	56.06	59.54	+0.27	0.04
Emerging Mkts	110.43	117.48	+0.08	0.43
UK Smaller Cos	34.40	36.60	-0.19	1.47
Gilt Fixed Interest	30.13	30.59	-0.02	5.16
Global PEP	42.69	45.24	-0.11	1.78

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 955

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	264.00	283.00	-1.90	0.68
Japan Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	..
Nth American Inc	122.10	131.30	+1.60	0.12
Worldwide Inc	176.50	190.50	+0.40	0.65
Hong Kong Inc	197.60	210.50	-3.40	0.76
Pacific Basin Inc	[illegible]	70.00	-0.50	0.33
Wwide Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.19
Emerging Asia Inc	[illegible]	241.30	[illegible]	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.05	51.07	+0.01	5.41
Thailand Inc	163.40	174.80	-1.20	0.75
Gold Trust Inc	67.60	[illegible]	-0.38	0.19
New Zealand Inc	102.00	109.20	-0.50	0.44
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.26	3.51
Latin Am Cmpl Inc	110.20	117.60	+1.90	0.03
UK Asian Mkt Inc	63.62	68.42	+0.11	1.97
[illegible]	74.15	79.73	-0.19	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trusters	84.32	90.07	+0.34	1.40
Global Portfolio	77.38	82.79	+0.01	
Global Opps	[illegible]	61.95	+0.62	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	74.93	79.35	-0.08	1.76
SAM Global Equity	61.64	65.34	-1.07	0.73
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	97.92	105.86		0.85
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.41	53.17	+0.01	1.90
CAM Int Recv Inc	53.24	57.08	+0.01	0.37
Temple Equity Inc	51.57	56.11	-0.31	2.84
Harley Growth	54.05	59.42	-0.16	1.15
Intl Growth Inc	85.62	91.57		1.41
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.44	101.09	-0.60	0.22
St Ims Mkt Inc Inc	53.00	55.51	-0.16	

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfmns Inc	74.95	80.16	-0.08	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.63	85.17	-0.10	0.73
Tech Analysis	113.60	120.80	-0.10	0.74
Rosebery Growth	47.06	51.11	-0.43	...
International Strat	84.85	90.75	+1.05	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	59.49	63.82	-0.02	...
Coverdale Topous	56.85	60.37	+0.32	...
Prem Equity Inc	100.40	106.90	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.41	49.78	-0.62	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	178.90	190.30	+0.60	1.43
European Gth	99.98	105.90	...	0.42
Income & Gth	148.80	158.30	+0.40	2.45
Japan Gth	128.10	135.80	+0.40	...
Nth Amer Gth	124.90	132.90	+0.80	...
Overseas Gth	93.49	99.46	+0.09	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricephone: 0426 925 891

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.70	41.39	+0.10	1.31
Cash Haven Inc	100.85	101.34	+0.01	4.13
Cash Haven Acc	107.92	108.45	+0.01	4.13
Global Growth	95.08	101.68	-0.22	0.79
Equity Inc	92.04	98.43	-0.66	3.18
Equity	778.40	832.31	-1.96	2.09
European	214.81	229.74	-1.98	0.76
High Income	99.78	106.71	-0.71	3.81
Intl Grth	192.90	206.31	+0.72	0.92
Intl Sm Co	85.13	91.04	-0.34	0.21
Japanese	215.13	230.08	-0.68	...
Nth Amer	167.74	179.40	-0.98	0.67
Pacific Mkts	119.62	127.93	-0.32	0.66
Premier Inc	52.88	55.05	+0.03	5.86
Sm Cos	100.26	107.22	-0.29	1.73
Spec Sits	118.09	126.29	-0.06	1.93
UK Growth	128.87	137.82	+0.11	1.88

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	333.90	354.10	+0.40	2.68
Reliance Inc	184.90	196.50	+0.40	2.33

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	105.30	111.60	...	1.74

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	550.62	586.65	+5.82	0.54
FA America (Acc)	641.63	683.62	+6.77	0.54
FA UK Equity Inc	173.94	186.09	-0.40	2.91
FA Japan	286.47	305.41	+2.52	...
FA Major UK Cos	103.61	110.73	+0.14	1.92
FA Smllr UK Cos	325.44	352.82	-0.45	0.73
FA European	318.81	337.35	+1.21	0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos	49.09	52.47	+0.26	...
FA Asia	59.90	64.52	+0.09	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	52.63	56.21	-0.38	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.78	107.13	+0.15	...
UK Smllr Cos	91.83	96.66	+0.13	...
UK Income	100.00	105.26	-0.23	...
America	109.90	115.68	+1.15	...
Japanese	62.83	66.13	+0.59	...
European	101.08	106.39	+0.38	.
Gilt	90.15	94.88	+0.04	...
Deposit	79.38	83.56	+0.02	...
Managed	104.93	110.44	+0.11	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.33	104.55	+0.14	...
UK Smaller Cos	89.95	94.66	+0.12	...
UK Income	97.80	102.94	-0.22	...
America	107.25	112.89	+1.13	...
Japanese	61.33	64.55	+0.53	..
European	98.69	103.88	+0.38	...
Gilt	89.15	93.84	+0.04	...
Deposit	75.89	79.88	+0.01	...
Managed	99.56	104.79	...	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 395 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	78.84	82.00	+0.42	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.97	97.55	+0.52	...
High Inc Dist	140.90	150.60	-0.30	4.03
Ryl Life Int Ctnty	64.54	68.63	+0.01	3.28
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	71.59	76.43	+0.36	0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.70	70.95	+0.43	...
UK Emerging Cos	130.50	141.00	-0.20	1.34
UK Index Trckg	177.40	189.00	-4.10	2.93
European	125.80	134.90	+1.10	0.28
Managed	153.00	164.50	...	0.78

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester C01 1RA 0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	157.30	166.50	-2.40	0.26
European Growth	112.70	119.10	-1.10	0.48
Far East Growth	155.50	165.50	+1.40	...
Japan Growth	152.90	162.60	+1.10	...
Special Sits	215.90	229.60	-0.20	1.13
UK Growth	83.01	88.30	-0.31	1.62
Triton General	252.90	269.10	+1.30	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
156 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6509

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	198.70	210.30	-0.10	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	357.50	378.30	+0.70	0.35
Growth Inc	135.50	143.40	+0.90	0.02
International Inc	352.10	372.60	+1.50	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	343.70	363.70	+3.10	0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc	224.60	237.70	-1.70	0.69
UK High Inc Inc	149.60	158.30	-0.30	3.14

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	67.88	71.57	+0.42	...
Amer Smllr Cos	88.08	93.70	+1.44	...
Asian Gwth	131.71	140.11	+0.44	0.75
European Gwth	72.09	76.69	-0.03	1.00
Global Bd	63.78	67.42	+0.26	5.00
Global Eq	72.38	77.00	+0.79	0.50
Japanese Eq	61.86	65.81	+0.36	...
Japan Sm Cos	73.27	77.95	+0.56	...
UK Gen	59.25	63.03	-0.19	2.80
UK Gwth	64.55	68.67	-0.22	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	75.21	80.01	+0.42	3.42
Amer Smllr Cos	115.50	122.90	-1.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	64.62	68.74	+0.03	..
Capital Portfolio	141.40	150.40	-0.40	1.60
Capital	177.70	189.00	+0.40	0.91
Cash	121.80	121.80	...	5.09
China Dragon	81.27	86.46	+0.42	0.78
Commodity	142.60	151.70	+0.50	0.52
Eastern Discovery	126.20	134.30	-0.10	...
Energy Inds	125.70	133.70	+0.20	0.29
European Gwth	201.30	214.10	+1.00	0.62
Euro Inc & Gwth	83.02	88.37	+0.43	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	53.81	57.24	+0.20	0.49
Financial Secs	219.90	233.90	...	1.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.51	57.55	-0.15	7.38
Gold & Exploration	90.20	95.96	-0.98	0.27
High Return	252.30	268.40	-0.20	3.05
High Yield	248.60	264.50	-0.30	3.12
Income	131.60	140.00	...	3.48
Intl Bond	179.20	189.40	+0.60	4.94
ITU	231.70	246.50	-0.70	0.51
Japan Growth	178.70	190.10	+0.50	..
Japan Smaller	204.50	217.60	+0.70	..
Korea	85.01	90.44	+0.66	..
Masterfund	58.96	62.72	+0.19	0.72
Scotbits	327.00	347.90	+0.10	0.82
Scotshares	313.90	333.90	+0.60	1.60
Scotyields	260.50	277.10	+0.30	3.36
Select Intl	156.90	166.90	+0.90	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc	278.80	296.60	-0.60	3.11
SE Asia	714.70	760.30	-4.70	..
Special Situation	133.70	142.20	+0.50	0.54
UK Equity	261.90	278.60	+0.20	2.02
UK Growth	71.91	76.50	+0.20	1.32
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	52.41	55.76	...	0.96
US Growth	156.30	166.30	+1.40	0.06
Univ Growth	156.50	166.50	+1.00	0.32

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	263.57	280.51	+0.49	0.62
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	75.76	80.72	+0.20	0.55
Euro Smllr Cos	73.68	78.59	+0.16	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	110.95	118.34	+0.61	
Gilt & Fixed Int	57.73	60.84	+0.24	6.78
Global Bond	55.54	57.43	+0.12	5.08
Global Emer Mkts	68.35	72.90	-0.13	0.57
Income	388.46	414.35	-1.39	3.12
Japan Smllr Cos	500.88	534.27	-0.34	...
Japan Enterprise	73.64	78.54	-0.01	...
Pacific Gwth	154.21	164.49	+0.68	...
Seoul	61.62	66.44	-0.01	..
Smaller Cos	233.60	249.17	-0.72	0.48
Tokyo	124.94	133.26	+0.40	..
UK Enterprise	264.47	282.10	-0.66	1.86
UK Equity	257.09	274.22	-0.55	2.15
US Smllr Cos	163.10	173.97	+1.51	..
World Fd	85.70	91.41	+0.24	1.61
Institutional Funds				
European	238.70	248.64	+1.43	1.10
Euro Smllr Cos	30.11	31.36	+0.12	1.46
Global Equity Inc	82.37	85.80	+0.46	0.51
Japan Smllr Cos	38.66	40.27	+0.14	0.05
Mngd Balanced	199.58	207.89	+0.62	2.28
Overseas Equity	197.04	205.24	+1.11	0.55
Oseas Smllr Cos	129.96	135.37	+0.69	0.25
Pacific	295.63	307.94	+1.23	0.50
Recovery	2125.0	2214.4	+4.12	2.22
UK Index	166.15	173.07	+0.18	2.53
UK Small Cos	129.31	134.69	+0.14	2.30
US Smllr Cos	46.47	48.40	+0.47	0.14

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	55.27	58.80	-0.42	2.94
Equity Trust	63.91	68.08	-0.30	2.01
Equity Strategy	74.74	79.60	-0.23	0.83
European Opps	84.52	89.59	+0.39	0.48
UK Smaller Cos	71.15	75.77	-0.02	0.91
Maximum Income	97.84	100.37	+0.01	4.98
Japanese	80.73	85.96	+0.16	0.01
Asia Pacific	151.18	161.01	+0.10	0.47
American	113.49	120.87	-0.67	0.16

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.99	29.99	...	4.865
UK General Inc	56.51	60.28	+0.06	2.11
Intl Income	303.90	324.10	+1.30	2.42
European	78.73	83.32	-0.58	1.16
Japan	73.11	77.81	+0.45	0.05
American	71.32	75.80	-0.50	1.70
Far East	107.01	114.15	-0.06	0.05
Ethical Inc	34.41	36.81	-0.16	1.51
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.30	37.76		2.30
High Inc Inc	40.75	43.47	-0.11	3.97
UK Global Inc	43.59	46.59	+0.18	1.08
Wwide Tact	84.42	90.25	+0.63	1.22
Europe 2000 Tact	55.89	59.25	-0.38	0.81
Technology	109.57	116.83	+0.85	0.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	410.00	437.90	+1.50	2.32
American	288.40	306.10	+0.80	0.48
Pacific	444.30	475.20	-0.60	0.42
European	549.20	587.40	-0.20	0.91
Worldwide	101.50	108.60	+0.10	0.65

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	294.70	313.60	+0.60	1.94
UK Smr Co Eq Inc	226.40	240.90	+0.70	1.22
Select Oppnty Inc	75.49	80.74	+0.22	1.65
Income Plus Inc	79.33	84.40	-0.31	2.73
European Inc	359.00	382.60	+1.80	0.96
Far Eastern Inc	201.20	214.10	+0.40	0.33
Japanese Inc	66.93	71.21	+0.29	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	266.40	283.50	+1.70	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	223.00	237.30	+0.90	0.69
Wwide Venture Inc	86.95	92.54	+0.24	1.15

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	25.98	27.78	+0.03	2.39
Intl Growth Inc	33.44	35.79	-0.10	0.43
Market Leaders Inc	24.59	26.32	-0.01	2.39

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 665 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	403.20	430.00	-1.50	2.51
UK High Inc	210.70	224.70	-1.50	3.23
Europe Inc	353.50	377.00	+1.50	0.60
Nth Amer Inc	231.70	247.10	+3.70	...
Global Inc	229.40	244.70	+1.00	0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc	115.80	123.50	-0.40	2.57
South East Asia	265.50	283.20	-0.20	1.80
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	..	4.53
UK Smllr Cos Inc	118.40	126.30	+0.10	1.45
Intl Bond Inc	101.30	107.60	-0.60	5.73

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	181.80	191.00	+0.30	3.49

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	128.50	135.30	+1.20	0.76
Nth American	110.70	116.50	+1.10	0.40
Intl Bond & Conv	139.90	147.30	+0.20	4.21
Pooled Pension (E)	198.90	212.80	...	...
Smaller Cos	78.49	82.62	+0.15	1.04
UK General	140.70	148.10	+0.30	1.74

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	453.72	482.68	-0.70	3.82
Global Inc	73.55	78.24	-0.05	2.40
Brit Leaders	357.94	380.79	-1.23	2.11
Intl Leaders	219.26	233.26	+0.42	0.57
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.63	72.34	+0.15	0.88

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	122.50	...	+0.10	..
Global Bond ‡	107.50	...	...	6.94
Samurai ‡	94.08	...	+0.05	...
UK Growth ‡	122.50	...	+0.10	3.23
Tai Pan ‡	119.30	..	+0.30	...

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	311.50	329.50	+4.90	0.34
Canadian	86.27	91.28	+1.06	0.15
Capital	145.50	156.00	-0.20	0.89
Cash	101.61	101.61	+0.01	4.77
European	138.80	146.90	+0.30	0.36
Far Eastern	190.60	201.70	+2.30	...
Growth	159.70	168.90	-0.30	0.70
Income	142.90	151.20	-0.90	4.09
Magnum	156.10	167.50	-0.20	0.83
Smllr Secs	409.20	433.00	-1.30	0.27
Thoroughbred	180.50	193.90	-0.50	0.70

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.06	50.56	...	4.26
Cntrld Prfmnce	62.50	66.66	+0.10	7.10
Ethical	63.98	68.06	-0.04	2.90
European Growth	75.11	80.12	+0.52	2.00
Income	61.72	65.83	+0.02	5.00
Intl Growth	102.40	109.20	+0.30	3.30
Managed	86.01	91.74	+0.31	3.00
UK Growth	67.49	71.99	+0.20	3.20

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	54.15	57.54	...	1.20
UK Equity Gth Acc	78.83	83.76	-0.40	0.91
-do- High Inc Inc	42.38	45.03	-0.30	2.68
-do- High Inc Acc	50.89	54.08	-0.40	2.68
UK Equity Gen Acc	66.40	70.56	-0.40	1.69
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.06	53.19	-0.30	1.69
UK Lrgr Co Acc	460.30	499.50	-2.60	2.98
UK Lrgr Co Inc	349.30	379.00	-1.90	2.98
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.26	36.23	-0.20	5.49
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	326.40	354.20	+2.60	1.14
Nth American Acc	47.52	50.50	+0.40	0.59
Far East Acc	74.41	79.07	+0.80	0.04
European Acc	51.46	54.68	+0.20	0.48

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	4.019	4.268	...	1.23
US Eqs (US$)	2.374	2.520	...	0.63
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	...	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	255.00	270.80	...	..
FT Europe	133.90	142.20	...	1.70
FT N Amer (US$)	1.789	1.897	...	1.17
FT Japan (yen)	241.00	256.00	...	..
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.784	2.957	...	0.69

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	390.70	417.20	+4.40	0.06
British	1150.5	1217.2	-3.00	2.99
Emerging Mkts	187.80	200.00	-0.20	0.20
European	526.00	559.20	...	1.00
Japan	163.40	173.40	-0.80	..
New Pacific	448.10	477.20	-3.60	0.66
Investment Tst	252.10	267.20	-0.70	0.91
Mngd Equity	189.90	200.90	...	1.30
Mngd Cash	95.78	95.78	+0.02	4.64
Majority Stg	99.88	100.88	...	4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	892.70	954.80	+2.10	2.26
North America	137.50	147.10	+0.80	0.36
Far East	169.70	181.50	+0.80	...
Wwide Bond	63.21	67.10	-0.15	5.07
European	107.10	114.50	-0.80	...
Equity Income	102.90	110.00	-0.10	3.27
Portfolio	93.71	100.20	+0.30	0.44
UK Leading Cos	63.29	67.33	+0.27	2.71
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	74.51	79.69	+0.26	...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	37.03	39.61	-0.41	0.30
Managed Assets	137.51	147.07	+0.13	2.31
UK Income	43.03	46.03	-0.03	2.44
UK Growth	42.30	45.25	-0.06	1.83
Worldwide Growth	37.32	39.92	+0.25	0.29

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Portfolio	53.39	57.10	-0.10	...
Cap Protector Inc	46.89	50.15	-0.13	2.20
UK Income Inc	57.36	61.35	-0.04	2.50
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	35.08	37.52	-0.05	3.34
Mngd High Yld Inc	87.89	94.00	...	3.44
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.59	89.40	-0.32	2.48
Mngd Wwide Gth	40.18	42.97	+0.07	...
UK Smaller Cos	38.55	41.23	-0.05	1.45
Pacific Grth Port	53.07	56.76	+0.13	...

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	593.10	627.60	-1.20	1.83
Fixed Int Dist	127.60	132.20	-0.10	6.84
UK Indx Trck Dist	141.80	150.00	+0.40	2.51

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	233.64	247.49	+0.21	...
Brit Growth	101.66	108.15	+0.54	1.53
European	114.38	121.68	+0.59	0.14
Extra Income	224.12	238.43	...	3.35
Smaller Cos	83.13	88.43	+0.16	0.63
General	314.60	334.68	+0.81	1.90
Premier Income	56.64	59.00	+0.12	5.52
Income	386.29	410.95	+0.39	2.95
Pacific	470.95	501.01	+6.10	...
International	590.30	627.98	+2.52	0.07
Nat Resources	182.77	194.43	-1.41	0.01
Sktd Opps	122.55	130.37	+0.38	0.80
Environmental Inv	69.04	73.45	+0.75	1.33
Selector	71.02	75.55	+0.17	1.87
High Income	72.35	76.97	-0.11	4.04
Intl Income	64.29	68.40	+0.13	4.41
Selector Income	68.51	72.89	+0.06	4.56

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	362.60	381.60	+0.70	2.42

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA 031 228 3932

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	214.83	229.76	+1.05	1.43
Glob Balncd Inc	183.02	195.74	+0.53	2.45
Value Tst Inc	129.16	138.14	+0.96	1.27

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smllr Cos	72.03	76.83	+1.06	..
European Opps	...	...		
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.72	46.98	+0.13	8.07
Japan Tst	89.73	95.59	-0.08	...
Little Dragons	120.09	128.09	-0.62	0.36
Oriental Income	54.04	57.64	-0.12	4.29
Tiger	332.27	354.42	+1.58	0.45
UK Blue Chip	67.88	72.41	+0.26	2.73
UK Smllr Cos	111.42	119.16	+0.02	1.60
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	237.32	252.46	+1.24	0.62
European Growth	287.75	305.22	+0.40	1.06
Exempt	577.98	603.47	-0.01	3.17
Far Eastern	...	...		
UK high Yield	115.90	123.29	-0.11	3.10
Iberian Growth	52.27	55.61	+0.09	...
Intl Growth	117.30	124.96	-1.00	0.92
Preference	133.26	141.77	-0.11	7.69
UK Recovery	297.18	316.15	+1.03	1.77
UK Smlr Cos Div	113.37	120.60	+0.17	4.03
Smaller Cos	...	...		
UK Growth	553.87	589.22	+1.31	1.91

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Exempt	371.70	391.30	...	2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	35.00	37.23	-0.17	0.50
Pacific Basin	45.10	47.97	-0.57	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	39.31	41.81	+0.41	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9397	0.9788	-0.000	5.81
Penny Share	31.87	33.90	+0.11	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	105.30	107.70	+0.90	...
Short Dtd Gilt	115.50	117.00	+0.20	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7232	0.7324	-0.000	2.27
Gilt Income	55.56	57.81	+0.20	6.25
Gilt Growth	77.28	80.41	+0.56	...
City Reserve	52.01	52.01	...	4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	83.79	89.13	...	1.52

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Early gains reversed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 31. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day February 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	500	-3	11.8	3.0	19.3
314	178	Allied Irish	282	-4	...	3.7	14.4
269	130	Aus New Z	268½	+5½	...	3.4	21.3
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2962½	+31¼	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	282	-6	...	4.4	20.8
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
247	116½	Bank Scotland	217	-8	4.6	2.7	29.5
652	302	Barclays	580½	-6½	...	2.7	...
29½	8	Cadiak	29½	...	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	653	-2	28.0	5.4	...
180	85	Castles	170	...	...	3.3	22.6
2487½	1547½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1347½	Citicorp	2837½	+62½	...	...	...
560	290	Close Bros	543	...	...	2.5	19.7
£153¼	9171½	Commerzbk	£139¼	+121½	...	1.7	...
£1348¾	£1250	Deutsche Bk	£1315¼	+34¾	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	...	...	2.1	...
1651	836	Fuji Bank Y	1419½	+35½	...	0.4	...
528	343	Gerrard Nat	512	...	21.5	5.2	13.6
1113	490	HSBC	1034	+6½	20.0	2.4	24.7
1133	474	HSBC HK	1055	+4	20.0	2.4	25.2
473	243	Hambros	460	-1	14.3	3.9	21.2
443	313	Joseph (L)	440	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	681	-4	16.7	3.1	23.6
680	492	Lloyds	615	+2	19.1	3.9	17.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	115 †	...	3.4	3.7	∞
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	600½	...	...	4.0	14.6
634	398	Nat West	546	+7	17.8	4.1	33.2
573	270	Provident	545	+2	12.4	2.9	23.5
67	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	472½	-15½	...	2.9	21.4
1480	467½	Schroders	1420	-15	...	1.1	38.3
1437	576	Stand Chart	1304	-32	20.5	2.0	...
291	145½	TSB	259	-6	...	3.8	20.0
199	78	Union Disc	199	...	...	...	...
1012	589	Warburg SG	980	-10	...	2.6	14.0
9262½	4843½	Wells Fargo	8950	+112½	...	3.0	...
280	121	Westpac	255	-1	...	2.1	...
390	188	Wintrust	368	-2	...	3.1	34.4

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	617 †	+3	...	4.3	17.1
647	441	Bass	532	-16	...	4.7	14.2
299	189	Boddington	280	...	7.5	3.4	16.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	455 †	+2	...	2.9	18.3
193	120	Burtonwd Brw	173 †	...	4.7	3.5	14.5
181	73	Eldridge P'A'▲	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	61	-1½	...	4.7	73.0
475	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	475	...	7.5	2.0	19.9
506	373	Grand Met	450 †	-11	...	3.6	17.5
511	367	Greenalls Grp	462 †	-1	...	3.3	15.9
584	505	Greene King	553	...	...	2.8	15.5
542	388	Guinness	515½	+½	...	3.0	19.2
80	31	Hallin Hldgs	71 †	+½	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hansn	261 †	+1	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree▲	150	...	3.6	3.1	∞
457	255	Highland Dist	450	-1	...	1.8	22.4
3225	2538	Holt J	3225	...	42.0	1.6	21.0
186	118	Macallan-Glen	151	+1	4.3	3.6	33.9
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	210	...	...	2.3	15.5
302	231	Marston Thmp	297	...	...	2.3	16.6
595	288½	Matthew Clark	565	...	...	4.0	32.0
300	210	Mrydwn W	225	-1	7.0	3.9	20.1
580	455	Morland	520 †	-5	...	2.3	17.9
12	6½	Pubmaster▲	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
252	145	Regent Inns	250	-2	...	2.2	25.4
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1318½	-3½	...	2.1	21.8
591	398	Scot & New	533 †	-10	...	4.1	16.0
225	155½	Taunton Cider	172 †	-1	6.2	4.5	13.4
306	213	Vaux Group	287 †	-1	...	4.1	18.5
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	410	-5	...	1.6	31.8
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	552	-9	...	4.1	13.3
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	551	+2	...	2.9	15.5
528	475	Young 'A'	525	...	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	205 †	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Albrighton▲	23 †	...	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen▲	198	...	...	3.2	44.9
160	65	Amec	147	-3	3.0	2.6	27.2
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12 #	...	...	...	...
409	150	Ashleade▲	409	+27	...	1.4	43.3
164	101	Attwoods	164	+6	...	3.8	...
363	180	BPB Ind	362	-5	...	2.7	42.1
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	123 †	...	...	3.2	37.0
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
108	69	Barcom	70	...	...	5.4	8.4
57	33½	Bardon	53	...	2.0	4.7	26.1
292	94	Barratt Dev	281	-5	...	1.8	30.2
304	152½	Bellway	295	...	...	2.5	22.7
59	15	Bellwinch	59	...	...	...	...
236	98	Berisford Ind	229 †	+4	...	...	...
573	295½	Berkeley Gp	573 †	+2	...	1.4	30.9
153	45	Bett Bros	153	...	...	1.6	19.6
93	36	Blockleys	88	...	1.0	1.4	...
391	189	Blue Circle	364	-6	...	3.9	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	335	...	6.0	2.2	18.7
117	78	Breedon PLC	117	...	4.6	4.9	28.8
145	82	Br Dredging	145	...	5.2	4.5	32.2
95	45	Brit Fittings	95	+4	1.7	2.3	...
197½	99	Bryant	189	-3	...	3.2	28.5
146	53	CALA	141	...	...	...	...
390	300	CRH	381	+1	...	2.2	30.9
56	18	Cakebread Rby	56	+3	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	41	+½	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	179	-3	...	2.9	∞
116½	35½	Crest Nicholson	113½▲	+1½	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmund Hldgs	23	...	0.3	1.6	...
300	178	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
82	32	Erith	77	...	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	458	...	...	2.8	17.2
244	97	Freeman Gp▲	244	+2	6.0	3.1	38.2
59	38	Galliford	58	-1	...	2.2	...
91	52	Gibbs & Dandy	90	...	...	2.8	...
1025	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1020	+2	...	1.6	17.7
173½	75	Hewden-Stuart	167	-½	...	2.0	35.7
51	28	Hewetson	51	...	...	3.1	37.3
473	173	Heywd Wlm	460 †	-6	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	131½	-1½	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	31	+1	...	4.5	...
28	15	Howard Hldgs	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	99	+3	1.0	1.3	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	415	-8	9.0	2.7	16.6
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	160½	-3	...	5.0	...
145	55	Ln Clydeside▲	138 †	-5	...	4.3	22.1
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	161	-3	...	...	73.1
405	240	Manders	400	-3	9.3	2.9	24.5
213½	93	Marley	193	-1	4.2	2.7	56.0
158	61	Marshalls	151 †	...	...	3.3	...
355	122	Maunders (J)	350	+2	...	2.6	24.1
299	96	McAlpine (A)	287	-1	6.5	2.8	49.7
82½	23	McCarthy & S	76	...	0.5	0.8	...
569	272	Meyer Int	552	-10	...	2.3	55.3
185½	62	Mowlem (J)	180	+1	4.0	2.8	...
196	51	NSM	188	...	...	...	...
53	46	Needler▲	46	...	...	3.9	21.5
196	106	Newman Tnks	183	-2	...	4.6	24.4
382	197	Persimmon	378	...	8.6	2.8	38.6
23	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1790½	1237½	Pochins	1790½	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	192	...	3.4	2.2	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	951	-16	...	2.6	35.7
117	75½	Raine Ind	110	+7	...	3.4	26.0
36	18	Ramus▲	33	-2	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	598	-21	25.0	5.2	34.8
86	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.6	10.5
371	207	Rugby Group	331	-1	6.4	2.4	25.3
68	23	Syrfil-Eves▲	58	...	...	0.5	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	180	...	...	2.8	31.3
245	86½	Sheffield Insl	236	...	...	2.4	70.2
268	78	Sheriff Hldgs▲	258 †	...	...	2.8	24.6
110	66	Sunco▲	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	235	+5	...	4.5	17.7
6½	1½	Stannin	5	+1½	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	186	-6	5.5	3.7	...
245	131	Tay Homes	245	+2	...	3.0	30.3
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	164½	-½	1.0	0.8	...
755	433	Tilbury Dougls	750	...	33.0	5.5	24.4
60	19	Tonz Hires▲	56 †	...	...	1.3	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	343	...	8.0	2.9	60.4
29½	5½	Trencherwood	28	-1	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	36	+1	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	21	Tudor▲	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
113	41	Vibroplant	113	...	2.5	2.8	40.6
74	20	Ward Hldgs	70	...	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.3	19.6
225½	90	Westbury	218	-2	5.0	2.9	34.0
7	3	Wiggins	6½	+½	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	565	-1	...	2.0	39.8
259	147	Wilson (C)	253	-1	3.9	1.9	43.8
249	104	Wimpey G	225	-5	...	2.9	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	729	+14	...	...	...
388	198	Adam & Harvey	388	...	13.0	4.2	7.1
92	56	Air London▲	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	48	+1	2.0	5.2	...
178	93	Auto Sec	138	...	...	5.5	24.7
162	84	BET Ord	145	+½	...	1.9	5.8
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
185	154	BSM	185	+5	...	3.9	16.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.1	4.7	14.8
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	214	...	4.7	2.8	15.6
29	11	Broadcastle▲	29	...	...	1.1	23.1
76	48	Brooks Service	75	...	...	0.8	...
110	86	CRT Gp	110	...	...	3.3	19.7
240	139½	Capita Group	220	+2	...	1.3	34.4
59	31	Cattles Plc	58	...	...	1.9	22.3
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	24½	+½	...	...	...
83	25	Christie	83	+10	...	...	...
433	228	Chubb Sec	394 †	-8	...	1.7	24.5
132	90	Comac▲	115	+1	...	1.6	30.0
48	6½	Corp Services	48	...	...	...	...
96	20	Coutts Cnslg	92	...	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	160	...	3.3	2.6	21.7
276	198	Davis Service	274	...	...	3.6	20.6
141	85	EW Fact▲	141	...	4.4	4.0	16.1
34	11	Gardiner	30½	-½	0.7	3.0	∞
334	215	Hays	318	+2	...	2.1	27.7
289	174	Hogg Robinson	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
369½	127	Hunting Whamp	340½	+1½	...	1.4	28.2
2096½	975	ISS B DKr	2696½	+18½	...	0.8	18.6
637	475	Inchcape	573	+7	...	3.1	18.7
1035	889	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
362	173	Mitie Gp	362	+7	4.0	1.4	24.9
1234½	803½	Manpower	1200½	+25	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77½	...	1.5	2.9	32.9
279	130	Pennant▲	130	...	8.0	9.1	4.1
5½	2	Prime People▲	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	90	...	...	20.8	5.0
423	337	RCO	400	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	110	+1	2.0	2.1	...
127	45	Reed Executive	126	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec▲	126 †	...	4.5	4.5	33.0
279	178	Rentokil	253	+5	2.5	1.2	32.8
368	220	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
399	287	Salvesen (C)	291	-1½	...	3.4	19.3
58	26	Scott Pickford▲	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
17½	5	Select Appt▲	13½	-½	...	...	...
1338	695	Serco Gp	1333	+3	13.3	1.2	36.9
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt▲	99	...	...	8.8	2.9
130	90	Stentiley	118	...	...	3.2	27.0
355	310	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	27	Weipac	30	...	...	...	...
29½	14	Wills Gp	29	...	...	1.7	20.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
279	210	Allied Colloids	278 †	+3	...	2.0	25.6
1060	613	Amersham	1053	-1	...	1.7	30.3
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119¼	8325	BASF DM	£115¼	+245½	...	3.5	...
373	199	BTP	346 †	-1	...	3.4	27.8
£143¾	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£140¾	+250½	...	3.8	...
178	105	Blagden	169	...	6.5	4.8	18.2
166	93	Brent Chems	124	-1	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	383	+3	...	...	...
29	5	Caird Gp	11	...	...	...	30.5
199	126	Canning (W)	195	-8	7.2	4.9	21.2
608	421	Courtaulds	514	-10	...	3.5	12.9
306	228	Croda	363	+1	...	2.7	20.8
149	103	Doeflex	128	...	4.6	4.5	9.8
282	175	Ellis & Everard	275 †	-1	...	3.3	23.1
42½	15½	Euro Colour	38½	-½	0.8	2.9	18.4
351	259	Halstead (J)	345	...	...	2.4	17.1
241	150	Hickson	196	-2	...	3.1	18.2
£123¼	8850	Hoechst	£117¼	+187½	...	3.1	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	195	...	...	2.4	18.0
815	608	ICI	804	-9	...	4.3	...
840	576	Laporte	840	+1	19.9	3.0	23.2
248	181	Leigh	218	...	...	4.5	19.2
97½	36	MTM	86	+1	...	...	...
2365½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2275	-75	...	1.2	32.7
608	390	Paterson Zoch	577	-1	...	2.7	19.5
558	360	-do- 'A'	547	+2	...	2.9	18.5
306	193	Plysu	237	+1	...	3.7	20.2
303	173	Porvair	300	...	3.8	1.6	31.0
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	66	+1	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	489	-1	...	4.4	22.6
620	395	Wstnhlme R	620	+10	17.0	3.4	21.2
483	330	Yorks Chem	481	-1	...	2.0	25.8
312	233	Yule Catto	307	-3	...	2.4	19.1
869	593	Zeneca	776	-8	...	4.4	45.8

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	78	-1	...	4.8	...
248	179	Allders	229	-7	...	3.3	17.1
410	257	Argos Plc	373	...	...	2.4	31.8
25	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	99	-1	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	342	...	5.2	1.9	22.1
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Bermans	145	...	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	145	+5	...	1.9	17.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	42	...	2.2	6.7	...
261½	133	Body Shop	248	-4	...	0.9	32.0
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	10	...	...	1.0	5.1
491	318	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.9	28.8
87½	54	Burton	58½	-½	...	4.6	...
245	126	Cantors	235	...	...	2.1	32.6
520	295	Church	478	-7	12.5	3.3	42.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	10.4
287	212	Coats Viyella	272½	-2½	...	3.4	37.7
120	78	Colourvision▲	93 †	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
181	154	Cry Casuals	165	...	...	3.1	15.3
935	374	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
165	115	Crown Eyes▲	165	...	7.5	5.7	11.3
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	119½	+½	...	3.1	17.5
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	109½	+1	0.8	0.9	35.2
293	189	Dixons Grp	214 †	+2	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
580	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
284	71	Essex Furn	283	...	...	1.7	40.5
272	203	Etam	257	...	7.0	3.4	23.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	528	...	13.0	3.1	17.2
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
773	498	Forminster	708 †	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	26	French Conn▲	150	-2	...	...	...
74	43	Gem Sk	67	...	...	3.0	20.8
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	86	-3	0.3	0.4	...
859	334	GUS	587	-7	...	2.5	18.0
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harisstone	77	-2	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	30	...	2.0	8.4	14.2
110	29	Heritage▲	93	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle▲	70	-4	...	3.6	11.6
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.3	14.8
783	496	Kingfisher	645	+1	...	2.7	22.2
83	63½	Leslie Wise Gp	83	...	4.0	6.0	17.1
685	495	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	337	-8	...	2.7	11.9
184	120	MFI	180 †	...	...	2.7	...
461½	311	Marks Spencer	427	...	...	2.5	21.8
680	465	Menzies (John)	668	...	...	2.1	17.3
285	135	Moss Bros	285	+8	5.5	2.4	33.5
251	139½	Next	229	-4	3.5	1.9	27.3
46	15	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	317 †	-3	...	3.9	15.5
63	24	Pentos	32	+3	0.8	3.1	6.7
313	185	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	42	...	...	...	...
205	120	Rosebys	205	...	...	3.0	24.6
181	135	Sherwood Gp	175	...	...	1.9	15.8
132	93	Sears	123	-1	...	3.6	49.5
41½	11	Signet Group	36½	...	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	488	-2	...	3.9	15.6
127	83	-do- B	118	...	...	3.2	18.9
21	4½	Specialeyes▲	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	232 †	-3	...	2.7	22.9
198	146	T & S Stores	181	-2	6.0	4.1	13.5
173	71	Tie Rack	162	...	1.0	0.8	26.5
266	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
131	68	Usher (Frankl)▲	125	-1	6.0	6.0	10.8
465	302	Vendome	441	-5	...	1.7	20.5
45	22	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
87	42	WEW Group	61	...	...	2.8	45.0
49	34	Wensum▲	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	121	...	...	0.2	55.0
89	45	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2	Xtra-Vision▲	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	182	+5	...	3.4	18.3
275	223	Acal▲	264	+1	...	3.1	19.0
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
188	184	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
50	19½	Alphameric	38½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	40½	-4½	...	1.5	...
128	61	App Holo▲	95	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	38	+1	...	...	...
97½	35½	Ascot	93½	+7½	...	0.3	...
271	230	Azlan	268	...	...	1.4	31.9
293	224	Bowler Hunter	278 †	...	...	4.3	17.2
9	2	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	449	-5	19.2	5.4	...
558	408	Blick	535	+9	...	2.4	19.5
1700	925	Borland▲	997½	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	367	-1	...	2.4	24.3
499½	376	BT	455 †	-1½	...	4.4	22.0
232½	150	BT P/P	197 †	-1½	...	4.4	21.6
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	...	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	73	...	5.7	9.8	11.5
545	334½	Cable Wireless	499 †	-10	...	1.9	28.1
41	11½	Chloride	33	+½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro▲	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
171	74	Compter People	135	...	...	...	...
202	108½	Cray Elect	198 †	+½	...	1.1	19.3
447	243	Critchley	445	...	...	1.3	25.6
560	414	Delta	520	-5	...	3.4	21.7
378	205	Denmans El▲	378 †	+5	...	1.4	18.6
630	395	Domino	525	...	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	74	...	...	4.2	31.7
1625	865	Druck▲	1625 †	...	10.3	0.8	32.6
589	358	Electrocomps	551	-3	...	1.9	31.0
710	470	El Data Prc	565	+7	...	1.2	16.0
175	43	Eletron House	164	+6	...	2.1	23.3
35	10½	Emess	34½	+1	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	756 †	...	...	1.6	25.7
211	108	FKI	195	...	...	2.1	28.6
656	340	Farnell Elec	598	-5	...	1.4	31.7
91	33	Feedback▲	70	...	...	3.6	9.5
336	101	First Tech	325 †	...	...	0.8	27.1
230	81	Forward Gp▲	216	...	4.0	2.3	15.3
22½	13½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	344½ †	+1	10.4	3.8	17.2
199	132	Grasby	189	+4	...	7.2	39.8
24½	7½	Graystone	14	...	...	...	...
52	36	Hilclare▲	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	148	...	3.1	2.6	10.6
193	118	Ind Control	185	+7	...	3.0	18.6
388	320	Jones Stroud	370	...	...	3.1	14.7
126	26	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	29.0
19	8	Kembrey	14	+1	0.1	1.4	...
390	260	Kenwood App	388 †	...	...	2.5	21.8
321	47	Kewill Sys▲	298	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	146	...	6.0	5.1	17.3
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDBS▲	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	295	...	9.0	3.8	...
179	129	Life Sciences	158	...	3.7	3.0	17.1
314	164	Logica	313	...	...	1.6	36.1
55	44	LPA Ind▲	47 †	...	...	6.5	...
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	214	+1	...	3.0	20.1
723	523	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
281	175½	Menvier-Swa	234	+5	...	2.1	20.5
3013	903	Micro Focus	1013	-17	...	...	9.3
227	144	Microgen	168 †	-1	7.2	5.4	∞
36	23½	Microvitec▲	37½	...	...	...	...
599	357	Misys	598 †	...	...	1.7	20.4
584	98	Mitel	444	-16	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Comp▲	170	...	...	2.9	22.1
52	16	Molynx	24	...	...	1.3	6.8
272	202	MTL Inst▲	266	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Mackinnon Elec	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	139 ↓	-4	...	1.8	∞
3200½	2590½	NYNEX	2618½	-35	...	...	...
186	121	Neeronics	121 †	...	...	2.7	21.3
65	42	Newmark (L)	33	...	...	...	...
339	58	Norbain▲	339	+17	...	0.6	26.1
75	20	Northamber	58	+2	0.6	1.3	...
15½	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
357	195	Oxford Inst	357	+1	4.6	1.6	24.5
87	29	P & P	79	-3	2.0	3.3	∞
98	55	Peek	95	...	3.4	4.5	24.8
235	115	Pegasus▲	230	...	...	3.5	50.0
£104½	9000	Philips Fn 6%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1678½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1656½	+3½	...	...	...
415	231	Phonelink▲	405	...	...	...	...
327	171½	Pilco	327	+2	...	1.6	22.4
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	317	+2	...	1.6	26.6
96	63	Plasmec▲	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
120	76	Pressac	116	...	...	2.8	24.6
261	81	Psion▲	258	...	2.5	1.2	68.5
261	147	Racal Elect	216 †	+1	4.2	2.5	12.8
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.9	10.7
70	24	Radius▲	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
114	61	Real Time▲	110	...	...	3.4	22.6
35	15	Rhyas▲	18	...	...	...	22.8
620	367	Sage Gp	570 †	...	...	2.2	17.5
350	222	Sanderson Elec	345	...	9.9	3.6	14.7
89	49	Scantronic	86	+1	3.1	4.6	23.5
210	117	Scholes Grp	208	...	...	3.0	26.9
375	270	Sema Gp	357	...	2.9	1.0	29.0
275	235	Servomex	262	...	5.9	2.8	19.8
49	26	Silverthines	45	+1	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks▲	89	...	2.4	3.4	∞
2721½	1737½	TDK	2706½	+15½	...	1.2	30.8
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	19½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	167	-1	0.8	0.6	26.9
292	178	Telspec	280	-1	...	1.1	36.4
1153	809	THORN EMI	1098 †	-15	...	3.6	25.4
166	96	Thorpe FW	165	+2	...	2.0	19.2
103	23	Total Systems▲	39	-1	1.5	4.8	6.9
303	186	Tunstall	298 ↓	...	...	1.5	∞
324	164	Unitech	316	...	...	2.5	53.4
15½	6	Verity	15	+½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec▲	28½	+2	0.3	1.6	16.8
637	367	Vodafone	630½ †	+15	...	1.5	27.4
483	388	Volex	478	...	18.1	4.7	19.6
26	11	Western Selectn	23 †	...	0.2	1.4	...
315	223	Wholesale Ftgs	310	...	11.7	4.8	32.6

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	675 †	-21	...	3.8	12.0
725½	390	Eastern Elec	684 †	-20	...	3.7	13.0
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	427½	-15½	...	3.5	14.9
732½	404	London Elect	688 †	-21	...	3.9	13.0
850	458	Manweb	796 †	-38	...	3.4	9.9
787	424½	Midlands Elec	702 †	-36	...	3.8	11.1
510	273	National Powr	461	-12	...	3.0	11.4
801	440	Northern Elec	738 †	-38	...	3.8	9.6
298	100	Nthn Ireland	280	-2	...	3.0	13.8
805	439	Norweb	735 †	-37	20.8	3.5	10.5
577	273	PowerGen	525	-17	...	2.7	13.8
487	285	Scottish Power	431 †	-13	...	3.4	16.0
435	218	Seeboard	386 ↓	-22½	...	3.3	12.1
825	459	Sth Wales	753 †	-33	...	3.9	11.5
743	426	Sth Western	686 †	-37	...	3.8	10.1
745½	406	Southern Elec	691 †	-23	...	3.7	9.2
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	682 †	-29	...	3.9	12.9

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD▲	162	-1	3.4	2.6	25.3
118	26	Baltic Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	751	...	...	2.6	27.9
2012½	1075	Camellia	2012½	...	...	1.9	7.6
363	243	Candover	353	-1	10.4	3.7	...
485	155	Govett	459	-3	...	3.6	13.5
250	125	Ivory Sime	241	...	...	3.6	30.8
425	180	Johnson Fry	408	+10	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
87	47	Manakin	84	...	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	22½	-1	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	56	+1	...	...	...
365	246	Rathbone Bros	360	...	6.5	2.3	21.9
29½	17	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	3.8	15.7
402	253	S & U	375	...	10.2	3.4	13.9
106	48	Singer & Fried	105	...	...	3.6	...
1163	713	Sotheby's	1150	+25	...	1.4	...
188	113	S/P Capital	183	-1	3.0	2.0	78.5
224	183	Towry Law	223	...	...	2.6	21.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2081½	-31½	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1168	-2	...	4.5	26.9
251½	92	Invesco	232	...	...	1.6	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	301	+4½	...	2.6	12.6
322	154	MAI	299	+3½	...	2.9	18.9
770	380	MAM	744	-5	16.0	2.7	18.6
1243	653	M & G	1228	-2	...	2.5	[illegible]
496	109	Smith New Ct	484 †	...	...	1.8	4.7
81	45	Trio Hldgs	64	-½	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	569 †	-5	...	3.3	11.8
77½	46½	ASDA Group	58 †	-1	1.6	3.6	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	366	...	...	2.8	13.3
80	55	Albert Fisher	67	...	...	7.0	14.9
407	240	Argyll	256 †	-6	...	5.4	9.2
270	160	Banks (S C)	265	...	9.0	4.3	10.1
402	305	Barr (AG)	349 †	...	6.5	2.3	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsps▲	64	...	...	5.6	14.4
481	357	Booker	453	+3	...	6.0	39.3
52	35	Borthwick	48	-½	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	440	...	6.3	1.6	20.4
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	520	+2	...	3.2	18.4
222	78	Carrs Milling	182	...	...	3.0	13.3
196	133	Cranswick	146	-5	...	6.8	13.8
22	8½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.6	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	121	...	...	5.2	35.1
543	424	Dalgety	473	-7	...	5.6	13.6
57	27	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	283	-1	...	2.4	26.9
134	97	Everest	97	...	...	4.8	17.6
391	269	Fernpak	384 †	...	5.9	1.9	23.6
70	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.2	25.9
125	78	Fyffes	103	...	...	1.7	∞
483	256	Geest	294	-8	8.1	3.4	13.2
30½	7	Global▲	20	-1	0.5	3.1	31.1
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	160	...	...	5.1	9.0
190½	131	Hillsdown	176	+1	8.8	6.2	13.8
250	146	Iceland Group	168	-1	...	2.6	10.6
131	92	IJJ Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	583	-4	...	3.9	10.5
282	144	Low (Wm)	173	...	...	6.1	6.1
96	41	Matthews (B)	96	...	2.3	3.1	62.9
19½	11	Merchant Retail	17½	+1	0.9	6.8	35.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	109½	-4½	...	1.0	14.2
346	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	233 †	-5	...	4.6	11.4
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fds▲	13	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	214	...	...	3.6	11.9
310	205	Park Foods	309 †	...	...	2.6	23.8
115	58	Perkins Food	79	-2	...	7.0	9.1
174	47	PizzaExpress	126	...	...	0.5	26.6
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4½	+½	...	...	...
584	348	Sainsbury J	360	-3	...	3.6	12.6
96	33	Scotty Farms▲	78	...	1.5	2.4	14.0
225	90	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	22.3
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	446	-5	...	3.6	11.9
273	176	Tesco	225	+1	...	4.1	10.2
211	123	Thorntons	194	+1	...	2.4	...
229	101	Treats▲	221	+1	...	2.3	17.8
434½	300	Unigate	400	-10	...	5.1	13.1
437	326	Utd Biscuits	354	-2	...	5.4	21.9
24½	18½	Usborne	19½	...	...	3.4	14.4
401	248	Watson & Phil	399 †	-2	...	4.5	16.7
59	30½	West Trust	44	...	...	7.7	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	...	...
94	77	City Centre Rest	88	...	1.5	2.2	21.2
285	170	Forte	253	+½	...	3.7	19.9
215	148	Friendly Hotels	196	...	...	3.6	38.2
11½	5	Harmony Props▲	10½	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	160½	+½	...	4.0	13.0
222½	142	Ladbroke	204	+2	11.1	6.8	17.4
109½	59	Mandarin Ornt	107½	+1	...	3.1	26.6
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	29½	...	...	4.2	...
1075	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	+23	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	91	+1	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
616	455	AAH	521 †	-1	...	4.2	17.4
185	123	AIM	175 †	...	...	5.4	21.4
138	88	APV	131½	-½	...	5.1	...
238	81	ASW	191	-1	...	3.9	...
202	118	Advest	200	...	...	4.5	19.2
28	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	...
309	249	Airsprung	308	...	...	1.9	19.7
211	113	Alexandra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
12½	6½	Allied Radio	10½	...	...	...	...
316	207½	Alumasc	316	...	...	2.3	18.2
58	17	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	10.1
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	63	...	1.0	2.0	...
107	75	Anagen	78	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	90	...	...	4.2	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1620	-60	...	1.2	29.9
62	37	Armour	61½	+1½	...	3.3	14.5
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	+2	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	-½	...	1.4	58.8
583	434	Avon Rubber	580 †	...	...	3.6	20.4
300	168	Assoc Nursing▲	300 †	...	...	0.4	18.4
587½	489	Atlas Equip	508	...	...	5.4	12.8
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	216	-1	...	4.3	18.4
122	28	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	47½	+2½	...	1.9	...
770	590	BOC	681	-17	...	4.3	26.8
86½	50	BSG	85	-½	...	4.7	29.6
578	357	BSS Group	555	...	...	3.9	31.0
409½	318	BTR	383	-1	...	3.6	21.4
221	147	BWI	169	...	...	5.0	15.7
30	25½	Babcock	36½	-½	...	3.8	21.8
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	268	...	8.9	4.2	18.6
531½	400	Barlow	456½	+6½	...	7.2	8.3
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	79	-1	...	2.3	32.3
29½	14	Bearing Power	22	...	...	4.3	14.0
15	2½	Beaufort	3½	-½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	17	...	...	2.2	12.9
707	385	Bespak	385 †	...	10.2	3.3	12.0
133	55	Bibby (J)	82	-3	...	3.0	...
312	129	Billam (J)	209	+6	5.3	3.2	10.5
41	21½	Bilston Battsn▲	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	8½	+½	...	...	...
268	118½	Birkby	265	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
45	29	Black Arrow	36	-1	2.1	7.3	11.3
1½	0½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
283	136	Black (Peter)	282	-1	3.8	1.7	22.0
763	129	Bluebird Toys▲	755	+21	4.5	0.7	23.0
329	230	Bodycote	322	...	...	2.0	20.6
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	3.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	549	-5	...	3.1	21.7
61	39	Booth Inds	51	...	...	...	...
534	402	Bowater	486	-6	...	3.1	20.3
1681½	1167½	Bowater Inc	1625	+18½	...	...	...
297	199	Boxmore Intl▲	297	...	4.0	1.7	∞
20	12½	Braeway	17 †	-2	...	3.8	...
331	204	Brammer	331	...	13.0	4.9	24.6
37	12	Bridgend Gp	24	-1	0.4	...	...
163	64	Bridon	160	+5	...	3.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
57	31	Brierley Inv	57	+½	...	5.9	14.1
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock▲	107	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	510	...	...	2.5	18.3
147½	54	Br Steel	149	...	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	163 †	-3	...	3.8	16.9
298	215	Br Vita	283	...	7.3	3.2	17.4
17½	5½	Britton Grp	17	-½	...	1.3	...
931½	535	Broken Hill	910	-6½	...	2.0	41.2
125	78	Bromsgrove Ind	121½	-2½	...	4.5	15.8
15	6½	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	55	...	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	176	+2	6.0	4.4	∞
24	11½	Business Tech▲	16	+1	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
49	11	Campbell & Arm	44	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	35½	...	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	294	Caradon	413	-2	...	2.6	33.4
215½	128	-do- pf	200	+½	7.2	4.5	...
393	178	Carclo Eng	281 †	+1	...	3.9	20.9
2887½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2446½	+28½	...	2.5	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	92 †	...	...	3.3	22.3
251	158	Castings	251	+2	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	61	...	...	...	...
250	217	Celtech	226	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	0.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	784	+2	...	3.5	12.0
360	220	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	18.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	48	+1	4.5	11.7	10.3
45½	15½	Chillington	40	-1	1.0	3.2	...
246	144	Christies Int	246	...	...	0.8	61.1
80	34	Claybithe	87 †	...	...	4.7	...
150	55	Clayton Son	105	...	...	...	...
453	235	Cohen (A)	453	+23	3.4	0.9	...
282	179	Community H	282	+3	...	3.1	19.2
263	186½	Concentric	263	...	...	2.8	21.8
308	120	Cook (Wm)	303	...	6.0	2.5	18.3
273	182	Coulson	261	-1	...	2.9	34.5
95	38	Copymore▲	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	165	+2	...	4.3	22.3
178	92	Cosalt	147	...	...	4.6	...
275	150	Creighton Nt▲	275 †	+2	7.4	3.4	19.7
48	27	CrestaCare	39	...	0.6	2.1	33.7
4075	2907½	Dana	4075	+37½	...	...	...
376	78½	Danka Bs Sys	376	+21	...	0.5	35.7
296	192	David Brown	295	...	...	2.5	20.9
969	632	De La Rue	946	+17	...	2.5	22.8
40	16	Dinkie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.8
628	391	Diploma	625	...	...	2.4	25.0
97	50	Dobson Park	95 †	...	...	4.9	21.6
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	134	...	5.0	4.7	24.4
97	57	-do- 'A'	97	...	5.0	6.5	17.6
16½	8	ERG	10	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	435	...	...	3.5	17.2
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	51	...	...	...	...
3400½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3325½	-71½	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	89	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	521	...	...	4.6	34.2
146	111	Environmed	142	...	...	...	...
3062½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2975	-25	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	75	...	...	2.2	22.6
87	47	Expamet	70	...	...	4.2	1.7
778	499	Fairey Group	771	-8	...	1.7	23.8
141	47	Fenner	141	+2	...	2.3	22.7
91	32	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.9	13.3
29	10	Ferrum	10	...	1.4	17.5	7.0
66	28	Fife Indmar	65	-4	...	5.3	...
281	105	Fisons	128	-3	...	6.5	11.9
60	29	Flextech	55 †	-1	...	8.2	...
286	215	Flogas	282	...	...	3.4	13.1
51	33	Folkes Group nv	46	...	3.8	4.2	26.1
126	56	French (Thomas)	125 †	...	3.6	3.6	∞
284	162	Frost Group	257	+1	...	2.2	33.3
88	70	GEI Intl	81	+1	...	3.8	...
613	434	GKN	560	-6	...	4.6	37.4
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	78	Garton Eng	124	...	4.1	4.2	...
187	103	Gestetner	187	+5	3.0	2.0	∞
68	23	Glaves	62	...	...	...	44.9
801	509	Glaxo	651	-11	...	4.2	17.0
44½	16	Glenchewton	41	+½	...	3.6	11.5
304½	245	Glynwed	282	+4	21.6	3.8	26.0
175	96	Goode Durrant	175 †	...	...	3.9	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	178	...	5.5	3.9	30.9
594	341	Granada	584 †	+6	...	3.9	23.1
484	301	Great Sthrn▲	483	...	11.4	3.3	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernest)▲	82	...	...	10.7	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	9 #	...	...	...	34.6
88	30½	Haden MacLn	81	...	...	3.1	29.2
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	90	...	4.5	1.4	...
320	115	Hall Eng	319	+2	8.6	3.4	25.5
255	161	Halma	245 †	-4	...	2.1	30.7
71	30	Hampson Ind	68 †	+1	1.7	3.1	22.5
302	222	Hanson	299½	+½	...	4.8	22.2
221	146	Harris (Philip)	154	...	...	5.6	9.7
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	208	-1	9.0	5.4	30.0
171	38	Havelock Euro	155	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46	-3	...	...	...
50	17	Headway	50	-1	...	...	...
17½	1½	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	...
511	301	Hepworth	493	-2	14.9	3.8	21.2
229	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	55	...	0.5	1.1	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	196	...	6.2	4.3	∞
26	6½	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	67	Holders Tech▲	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.4
63	30	Hopkinsons	56	...	0.9	2.0	42.4
216	133	Hornby▲	214	...	6.2	5.3	23.2
103	54½	Howden	100	-1	...	2.9	15.8
285	173	Hunting	259	-1	...	4.9	21.9
513	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	493	...	...	1.3	32.7
379	247	IMI	357	...	...	3.5	31.7
135	80	ISA Intl	132	...	1.5	3.2	22.5
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	149 †	...	...	2.9	14.2
300	235	Isotron	300	+4	4.2	1.9	17.4
710	360	Jardine Math	681½	+6½	...	1.5	24.7
610	425	Johnson Matth	594	-4	...	2.2	22.8
64	35½	Johnson & FB	47	...	...	3.6	44.7
177	104	Johnston	165	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
36	15	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
187½	73	Kalon	187½	...	...	2.3	25.2
297	195	Kelsey Ind	255 †	...	6.5	3.9	∞
805	465	Kershaw (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
276	75	Klemeze	254 †	+2	...	0.5	...
164	61	LGW▲	155	...	3.4	2.8	12.8
422	266	Laird	422	+5	...	3.1	22.6
170	103	Lilleshall	170	...	...	3.2	22.4
223	97	Lincat▲	213	+1	...	3.5	15.0
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	42	+1	...	...	34.6
131	76	Linread	126	...	3.8	3.8	19.5
358	170	Linton Park	350	...	...	5.0	12.6
15½	9½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	0.8	5.6	27.0
274	97	Lon Intl	156	...	6.2	5.0	...
175½	70	Lonrho	162½	-3½	...	3.1	44.6
410	269	Low & Bonar	400	+1	...	2.9	56.0
49	14½	ML Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62 †	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	65 ↓	-1	...	2.4	17.2
271	168	Macfarlane	257	-1	...	1.6	29.1
538	379	McKechnie	538	+3	...	3.4	25.9
127	85	McLeod Russel	119	...	...	6.4	17.6
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
146	71	Mang Bronze	144	...	...	2.2	23.8
26½	19½	Marling	24½	...	...	4.3	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	220	...	5.2	3.0	16.9
64	29	Mayflower	64	...	...	0.9	53.4
236	85	Medera	165½	+½	...	1.8	13.4
130	88	Meggitt	118	...	...	4.1	20.1
126	98	Metair	126	...	...	3.7	20.6
154	112	Metrotect	128 †	...	...	3.2	17.8
115	70	Metsec	115	+2	...	...	...
124	29	Midstates	118	...	...	0.8	16.4
575	368	Molins	557	...	...	3.3	13.3
408	262	Morgan Crble	395	+1	...	4.0	20.7
205	134	Morris Ashby▲	205	+1	5.7	3.5	15.4
51	18	Neepsend	48	...	1.0	2.6	64.4
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
369	122	Nobo Gp	244 †	+7	5.3	2.7	34.1
212½	122½	Norcros	200 †	-1	...	4.4	29.2
51	33	Novo Group	33	...	...	4.2	10.6
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	59 †	...	...	3.7	...
170	123	PCT▲	168	...	7.2	5.4	19.1
91	36	Parry Systems▲	80	...	...	5.4	...
43	31	Pastor▲	36	-3	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	112	...	...	2.9	15.2
385	280	Photo-Me	292 †	+2	4.7	2.0	17.6
204	97½	Pilkington	196 †	+1	...	1.6	...
108	68	Plasbrook	106	...	3.1	3.7	16.7
185	125	Polypipe	179	...	2.1	1.5	24.2
42	15	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
376	272	Powerscreen	320	...	...	2.7	10.6
22	16½	Prospect Inds	22	...	...	4.7	12.5
70	33½	RPS Group▲	70	...	2.3	4.1	15.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ranco Oil▲	145	-3	1.0	0.9	46.6
1101	636	Rank Org	1043	+2	...	3.7	22.8
33	13	Ransomes	23	-1	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	677	-1	...	3.1	15.6
83	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.9
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
284	131	Relyon	284	...	5.0	2.2	34.1
308	208	Renishaw	305	...	...	2.7	36.2
138	55	Renold	137	...	...	1.6	...
2060	1240	Reuters	2049	+31	...	1.6	28.2
87	24½	Rexmore	86	+1	2.0	3.0	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	190	-4	...	3.8	26.9
78	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
105	63	Richardson West	105	...	3.0	3.6	26.9
146	109	Ropner	146	...	8.2	7.1	20.7
142	97	-do- 'A'	142	...	8.2	7.3	20.1
185	14	Ross Gp	21½	...	0.6	3.6	8.6
188	131½	Rotork	188	+1	...	2.5	22.0
190	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	72	...	...	3.2	18.1
38	15	SEP Indl	37 †	-½	0.8	2.7	∞
1312½	625	SKF 'B'	1136½	-34½	...	0.9	...
272	205	Scapa	220	-2	...	2.6	20.1
238	179	Scholl	209	...	...	3.8	15.2
323	262	Scoda	263	+1	...	...	...
1291	917	Securicor	1225	...	...	0.3	36.1
1036	582	-do- 'A'	1026	...	...	0.4	29.0
892	465	Security Serv	878	...	5.6	0.8	∞
154½	77	Senior Eng	149½	-1½	...	2.7	26.0
361	278	Seton Health	330	...	...	2.3	19.5
166	86	Shiloh	148	...	3.0	2.6	16.0
344	271	Sidlaw	330	...	...	4.0	16.4
600	427	Siebe	579 †	-3	...	2.2	20.4
383	220	Silentnight	378	+3	...	2.6	20.5
181	102	Sime Darby	161	+3	...	3.1	17.4
142	32	Simon Eng	125	...	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	238	...	...	3.7	18.3
47	35	Six Hundred	44	...	...	4.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	149	-½	...	4.0	16.6
513	373	Smithkline	415½	-2½	9.6	2.9	15.0
480	340	Smithkline Uts	382	-5	...	3.2	12.9
527½	320	Smiths Ind	483	+2	...	3.1	19.4
140	58	Stnn Bus	96 †	...	...	4.8	5.0
578	265	Spandex▲	578	...	...	1.4	25.7
660	300	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	404	...	...	2.0	25.4
137½	43½	Spring Ram	76 †	...	...	0.8	...
270	201	Staveley	254	+1	...	4.2	14.4
242	126	Sterling Ind	242 †	...	...	3.0	37.1
220	97	Suter	215	-7	9.0	5.2	22.5
613	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	552½	+1½	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
76	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	3.0	7.3	10.1
179	120	Syltone	178 †	...	...	3.4	25.7
455	279	TI	410	-8	...	3.3	28.0
44	12	TLS Range▲	40	...	0.2	0.8	...
375	211	TT Group	369	...	...	2.2	22.7
392	201	Takare	272	-2	...	0.8	23.9
866	618	Takeda Chem	809½	+9½	...	0.8	15.3
68	24	Tex Hldgs	46	-4	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	99	...	...	7.1	17.1
240	153	Tiroz▲	220 †	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	258 †	-3	...	3.2	19.0
124	50	Trafalgar H	122 ↓	+1½	...	3.3	...
156½	127½	Do 6pc Cv Pf	155	+2	...	...	...
126	91	Transfer Tech	105	-4	3.2	3.8	13.2
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	155 †	...	...	5.6	18.6
316	216	UniChem	308	...	6.4	2.6	20.7
475	275½	Unidare	435 †	...	...	2.9	∞
35	11½	Unigroup	35	-1	...	...	...
1249	928	Unilever	1225	-6	22.2	2.3	16.7
8118½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	8118½	-162½	...	2.6	13.4
24	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1068	513	VSEL	1065	...	...	3.6	11.5
37½	6½	Vernon	26½	-½	...	...	...
196	95½	Vickers	186	-1	...	1.5	...
350	243	Vitalink	325	-2	...	3.0	16.0
522	283	Vitaten	517	...	...	1.7	24.1
747	427	Vosper Thorny	744	-3	...	2.8	17.2
46	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
510	368	Wagon Ind	500 †	...	...	4.3	22.4
8	1½	Waterbourne	4½	...	...	...	...
124	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	28.8
304	201	Wassall	280	-2	2.7	1.2	28.3
51	22	Whitwrd Wdgwd	47	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	358	-3	...	3.1	20.2
993	604	Wellcome	641	-8	...	3.4	13.6
71	16	Wellman	26½	...	0.9	4.2	43.3
400	260	West Hldstrs	392	...	...	1.2	25.2
548	455	Whatman	547	...	9.7	2.2	16.5
351	211	Whessoe	256	-1	...	4.0	12.1
111	27	Whitecroft	109	...	...	...	...
17½	4½	Widney	13½	...	...	...	...
168	44	Willes (James)▲	165	-3	3.5	...	48.3
421	295½	Williams Hldg	398	+1	12.5	3.9	20.8
46½	17	Wilshaw	43½	-2	...	1.6	27.4
920	533	Wolseley	891	-1	...	1.9	26.6
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
45	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
46	38	Young (H)	40	...	...	4.6	...

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1397½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1400	-25	...	4.8	...
1438½	1757½	Am Gen	1637½	-25	...	4.2	...
86	30	Archer	70	-3	...	1.8	...
165	118	Bradstock	154	...	...	4.6	16.9
550	357½	Britannic	503	-19	...	2.9	...
711	556	Com Union	644	-6	...	4.7	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1720	...	...	1.6	23.4
64	18	FAI	62	-2	...	0.8	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	194	...	...	4.0	17.3
757	545	Gen Accident	670	-5	26.7	5.0	...
247	160	GRE	228	+5	7.1	3.9	18.9
457	293	Heath C E	442	-2	...	4.5	...
148	122	Hogg Gp	139	-1	8.1	7.3	12.6
323	295	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	189	+2	...	5.0	19.4
547	430½	Legal & Gen	509	-2	...	4.8	30.9
1281½	766½	Liberty Life	1225	-12½	...	2.6	19.4
121	99	Limit	111	...	...	...	...
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	449	+2	...	...	34.6
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	289	-1	6.7	2.9	18.0
443	274	Londn & Man	407	+1	14.7	4.5	30.0
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	462	+1	14.0	3.8	16.6
6743½	5250½	Marsh McLn	5681½	-68½	...	3.2	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	180	-8	...	3.9	18.0
130	76	Oriel	115	...	...	5.4	...
83	50½	PWS	77 †	...	...	6.5	14.3
385	282½	Prudential	330	+2	...	4.5	22.5
404	269½	Refuge	385	-1	...	3.5	42.9
350	248	Royal	318	...	...	4.8	...
204	150	Sedgwick	188	...	...	4.0	23.2
261	100	Steel Burrill	117	...	...	12.8	6.9
168	48	Sturge Hldgs	85 †	...	...	4.4	72.2
418	307	Sun Alliance	385	-7	14.2	4.6	...
91	50	Trade Indemnity	91	...	...	...	...
464	279	Transatlantic	463	+4	12.0	3.2	42.9
773	499	Utd Friendly	660	+2	15.1	2.9	28.8
245	171	Willis Corroon	221	+4	...	3.2	31.7
25	13½	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1988	-14	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	153	-1	7.8	6.4	...
219	139½	Bankers	208 †	-6	...	2.2	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	375	-1	6.4	2.1	...
241	151	Berry Starq	240	...	2.2	1.1	...
127½	96½	Br Assets	111	-2	...	4.8	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	94½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	41	-1½	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	230	-3	4.6	2.5	...
272	174	Brunner	269	-2	5.2	2.5	∞
221	130	Conti Assets	208	...	3.0	1.8	∞
195	143	Derby Inc	150 †	...	...	13.1	∞
325	195	-do- Cap	295	-5	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	98	...	8.4	10.7	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	109	...	1.0	1.1	...
156	84	-do- Far East	147	+1	0.6	0.6	∞
171	95	-do- Korea	165	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	773	-4	...	4.2	...
106	76	-do- Japan	100	-½	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	71	-1	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wrdw	808	-11	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	334	...	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	335	-6	8.5	3.2	...
354	183	Electra Inv	332 †	-8	...	2.6	...
220	141	Electric Gen	210	-2	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	124	-1	...	...	...
345	205	European Asset	337	...	...	...	...
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	169	-½	3.0	2.2	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	328	-½	1.5	0.6	∞
145	91	Fleming Chinese	131	-2	...	...	...
97	52	-do- Warrants	70	-2	...	...	...
267	190½	-do- Claver	254	-1	5.5	2.7	...
385	212	Do Contl	376	+1	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Entp	259	...	...	2.3	...
459	213	-do- F East	398	-4	1.1	0.3	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	405	-2	3.0	0.9	...
132	97	-do- HI Inc	109	-2	...	5.0	...
273	136	-do- Japan	264	+1	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	334½	-2½	6.7	2.5	...
347½	212	-do- Overs	337	-2	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	289	-8	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	141	-1	0.2	0.2	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	74½	...	0.4	0.7	...
259	164	-do- Eurotrs	257	+½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	122	-1	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	358	-1	...	0.7	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	190	-1	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	277 †	...	...	0.0	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	181	-3	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	110	-1	...	9.6	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	...	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	144	...	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	100	-1½	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	394	+3	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	333	-2	...	2.5	...
475	340	Greenfriar	475	+2	6.6	1.8	∞
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
158	126	Inv Cap	157 †	+1	2.8	3.0	...
119	77	IAS UK Smlr	117	+3	...	4.1	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	233	-2	5.1	2.8	∞
272½	176	-do- O'seas	259	-3	3.4	1.7	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	164	...	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	792	-7	18.5	2.9	...
227	164	Majedie	226	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	310 †	-5½	...	4.4	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2875	+31½	...	...	...
995	583	Monks Inv Tst	587	-7½	...	1.5	...
156	105	More Gwn Inc	148	-2	...	1.6	...
64	22	Do Warrants	60	-1	...	...	...
148	58	Murray Ent	139	-4	...	1.1	∞
1290	1117½	-do- H 1994	1280	-500	...	...	...
58	50	-do- Warrants	50	-2	...	...	...
67	34	Murray Euro	65½	...	0.1	0.3	...
23	4½	Do Wts	22	...	...	...	...
393	292	Murray Income	375	-4	10.9	3.6	...
395	265	-do- Ins	377 †	-5	11.6	3.8	...
548	363	-do- Small	542	-2	...	1.0	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	91	-1	...	15.0	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	156	-3	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.6	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	158	...	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vent	341	-1	...	3.0	...
95	68	Nwthrog Inc	92 †	...	6.7	9.2	...
404	249	O'seas Inv Tst	382	-5	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	530	-1	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	436	+1	...	...	...
9950	7650	Personal Assets	9350	...	190	2.5	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	-1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	121	...	9.2	9.5	...
465	350	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.8	...
341	214	St Andrew Inv	341	...	7.6	2.9	∞
183	131	Scot American	176	-2	4.6	3.3	∞
371	136	Scot Asian	315	-1	...	...	...
1000	225	do Warrants	950	-3	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	90½	-1½	1.5	2.1	...
262½	183	Scottish	245 †	-2½	4.5	2.5	∞
264½	178	-do- Mtge	244	-9	4.0	2.0	...
133½	71	-do- Value	131	-1½	...	1.7	...
1795	1390	Second Alliance	1729	-20	...	2.6	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	99½	-2½	3.2	4.1	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	175	-½	1.4	1.0	∞
51½	34	Sphere Inv	47½	-½	3.4	8.9	∞
124	59	Trafalgar Pl	122	...	...	3.4	...
156½	127½	Do spc Cv Pf	155	+2	...	...	...
205	112	TR Far East	161	-1	...	3.4	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	166 †	-4½	...	3.6	...
240	110	TR Pacific	225	...	0.3	0.2	...
37	17	TR Property	39½	-1	0.9	2.6	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	149	...	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	223½	-2	...	2.1	...
412	283	Temple Bar	384	-10	13.2	4.3	...
135	69	Thrgn Asian E	122	-1	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	99	-½	2.3	2.9	...
553	363	Throg Dual Cp	535	...	...	...	...
269	178	USDC Invest	261	-3	4.5	2.2	...
129	70½	Value Inc Tst	129	...	4.0	3.9	...
257½	181	Witan	246½	-2	5.6	2.9	∞

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	571½ †	-8	...	1.9	19.8
64	41	Ald Leis	46	...	...	8.2	15.0
668	194	Anglia TV	640 †	+2	...	1.6	29.0
113	63	Baldwin	108	+1	4.6	5.3	14.7
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	288	...	10.0	4.3	18.6
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
183	90	Border TV▲	175 †	...	3.6	2.6	14.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Stdm	138	-2	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	+½	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	70	+1	8.7	15.6	...
439	171	Capital Radio	425	+5	...	1.7	37.5
1047	520	Carlton Comm	995	-10	...	2.4	23.4
304	158	Castle Comm▲	299	+1	...	3.6	19.8
3130	1615	Central TV	3065	...	39.0	1.6	33.4
163	61	Chrysalis	148 †	-8	3.2	2.7	...
746	470	Compass Gp	742	+4	...	2.2	20.5
350	175	Eurocamp	270	...	9.7	4.5	11.1
1180	368	Euro Disney	413½	+6½	...	2.8	...
6	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
47½	18	Ex-Lands	41	...	...	1.1	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	375	-4	...	3.6	34.6
378	232	First Leisure	335	-4	6.5	2.5	∞
478	403	Flextech▲	414 #	-1	0.5	0.2	...
948	298	GWR Gp▲	945	+5	9.0	1.2	∞
275	149	Grampian	275	+1	6.5	3.0	19.0
22	4	Greenwich Comm	17	...	...	...	...
129	19	HTV Group	124	...	...	...	55.1
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
18½	5½	Kunick	17½	+½	...	...	16.2
752	405	LWT Hldgs	746	+10	...	0.6	34.6
615	327	Man Utd	615	+5	...	4.0	24.8
48	7½	Northern	42	...	...	...	8.1
148	99	Owners Abrd	125	+5	3.5	3.6	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	96	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
183	35	Prism Leisure▲	181 †	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	35	...	...	...	...
568	224	Radio Clyde▲	570	-2	...	2.1	25.4
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	218	-2	4.5	2.6	∞
559	410	Scot TV	554	-2	10.3	2.3	27.3
37	13½	SelecTV▲	35	+2	...	...	...
114	37	Southern Radio	105	...	...	1.5	46.5
322	164	Stanley Leisure	315 ↓	...	...	2.1	25.5
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tinjong	345½	...	...	0.5	16.7
3½	1	Ticketing▲	2	-½	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	67 †	...	...	2.9	4.6
138	44	Trans World▲	135	+7	0.8	0.7	49.2
680	374	Ulster TV	666	...	12.0	2.2	21.0
137	62	Vardon	130	+5	0.8	0.8	30.7
330	130	Yorkshire TV	330	+20	3.3	1.2	...
120	83	Zetters Gp	110 †	...	6.0	9.1	12.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	5615½	-134½	...	4.0	25.2
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1831½	+12½	...	5.1	9.5
3665	1125	Ang Am	2940½	-106½	...	2.4	24.9
37½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	...	...	...	...
405	115	Bakyrchik	345	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	116½	+½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	34½	+½	...	25.8	6.0
896	233	Buffels	727½	+15½	...	8.9	6.5
6	1	Bute	4	...	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	911	...	...	2.3	29.2
51	11	Cluff Res	50½	...	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1643½	+25	...	3.0	22.3
165	37½	Deelkraal	123½	+½	...	1.6	9.0
96	7	Doornfontein	41	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	757½	-3½	...	4.4	12.5
788	120	Durban	607½	-12½	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	118½	+½	...	9.2	3.5
175	35	E Rand Prop	98½	+½	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	368	-6½	...	5.5	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	937½	-2½	...	6.9	12.1
80	8	FS Dev	42	-2	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1350 †	-12½	...	3.0	22.7
150	62½	Gencor	127½	-3½	...	7.3	13.8
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	75½	+1	...	1.8	30.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	+½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	126½	-1	...	7.9	8.0
416	178	Harmony	383½	+6	...	...	...
430	87	Hartbs	377½	+1	...	7.6	9.3
20½	8½	Unoco	19½	+½	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	868½	...	...	3.3	27.9
16½	6	Kenmare Res▲	14	+½	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1003½	-6½	...	5.9	11.6
913	319	Kloof	680½	-12½	...	3.6	8.1
137	25	Leslie	91 †	+4	...	12.4	4.9
339	13	Loraine	222½	+½	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	925	+13	...	2.3	...
149	80	MIM	144½	-1½	...	1.6	62.6
1512	820	Minorco	1302	+19	...	3.0	15.4
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	178½	-5½	...	2.8	27.4
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2396½	-78½	...	5.3	14.1
899	607	RTZ	866	-8	...	2.8	24.5
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	607½	-4½	...	6.8	6.1
295	115	Renison	270	-10	...	1.7	27.9
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1137½	+15½	...	2.8	26.0
756	191	St Helena	616½ †	+8½	...	6.9	12.9
2887½	475	Southvaal	1856½	-37½	...	5.1	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	80½	+7½	...	25.5	15.1
201	58	Unisel	122 †	+4½	...	3.6	11.7
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	5871½	-81½	...	4.2	∞
813	154	Welkom	612	+8½	...	5.5	13.7
640	26	Western Areas	542	...	...	4.9	2.8
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2481½	-9½	...	4.5	∞
398	176	Wstrn Mining	380½	+½	...	1.3	...
1225	321½	Winkels	812½ †	-75	...	5.7	7.8
84	49	Zambia Copper	64	-2	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	8.4	18.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	167	...	...	3.9	...
380	203	Bletchley Mtr	380	...	...	3.0	19.3
230	120	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
584	165	Br Aerospace	549	...	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burndene	54 †	...	...	4.1	14.5
465	303	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
22	4½	Caverdale	21½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	129	...	4.0	4.0	∞
43	18	Cook (DC)▲	41	...	0.9	2.7	23.3
348	156	Cowie (T)	337	-7	6.6	2.4	25.7
189	86	Dag Motors	188	+10	5.7	3.8	34.0
157	102½	Davnpt Vern	156	...	4.2	3.4	∞
330	155	ERF	326	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	170	...	...	2.7	23.9
499	208	Evans Halshaw	498	...	11.4	2.9	76.7
293	211	FR Group	288	...	...	3.1	13.4
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4687½	-31½	...	...	...
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	4387½	+64½	...	1.2	...
90	38	Gowrings	90	+2	2.0	2.8	...
343	85	Henlys	341	...	3.5	1.3	...
1083½	769	Honda Motor	1028½	-10½	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
116	86	Jessups	96	-20	4.5	5.9	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	176	...	...	2.5	24.9
573	281	Lex Service	544	-5	...	2.6	29.7
269	85	Lookers	269	+8	6.5	3.1	∞
239	136	Lucas	223	-2	...	3.9	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
305	224½	Pendragon	306	...	...	2.6	25.1
238	101½	Perry Gp	236	-1	...	3.8	...
212	108	Quicks Group	212	+1	...	2.8	27.1
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	180	-2½	...	3.5	...
249	164	T & N	242	...	...	5.6	34.5
299	163	Trinity Hldgs	298	-1	...	2.3	27.9
230	125	Vardy (Reg)	220	+2	...	2.5	25.7
358	121	Westland	337 †	+7	...	1.7	23.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
325	103	Adscene	325	+10	5.7	2.2	33.0
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	360	+1	...	3.3	13.4
402	275	Bristol	402	+2	...	3.7	36.3
£1134½	7775	Daily Mail	£1134½	...	...	1.4	31.4
£1134½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£1134½	...	...	1.4	31.4
355	210	Dorling Kind	260	-1	...	1.6	34.1
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6504½	-49½	...	1.4	22.6
476	322	EMAP	469	+3	...	2.2	28.9
1550	673	Euromoney Pb	1550	...	...	2.1	27.3
264	154	Harrington K	189	...	4.7	3.1	15.4
515	155½	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
383	334	Hodder H'line	383	+3	5.1	1.7	32.6
180	99	Home Counts	175	-5	5.2	3.8	...
188	30	Intl Bus Comm	188	...	...	...	27.2
15	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	10½	...	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	490	-3	...	2.6	20.5
645	395	Johnston Press	645	+10	6.5	1.3	27.9
356	243	Metal Bulletin	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	88	Mirror Gp.	196	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	507½	+1½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	305	+2	...	0.6	16.7
735	342	Pearson	702	-10	...	2.1	38.1
760	510	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.9
964	618	Reed Intl	931	-10	...	2.3	40.6
249	96	Southnews	249	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
196	90	Sterling Pub▲	196	...	...	2.0	23.8
566	328	Telegraph	566	+3	...	2.7	23.4
885	715	Thomson Corp	835	-20	30.1	4.5	41.3
472	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
39	21	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Newspprs	725	-1	...	3.7	20.1

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	27½	+½	...	...	26.8
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	44	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	69½	...	...	...	...
83	26	Arkla Pet	59	-1	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
233	145	Br Borneo	228	+1	7.1	3.9	6.9
301½	276	British Gas	309	+1	14.2	5.7	16.4
400½	225	Br Petroleum	386	-4½	...	2.7	32.5
3½	1	Bula Resources	3	...	...	...	...
875	675	Burmah Castrl	861	-9	...	3.7	30.1
68	32	Cairn Energy	59	-1	...	...	8.4
375	223	Calor Gp	344	-3	...	4.4	18.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46	-1	...	...	...
44	26	Copfex Res	26	-½	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	25½	-1	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	499	-15	...	4.5	34.7
38	26	Esp Or Loule	45	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	...	...	4.0	9.6
10½	4	Fortune	6½	-½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62½	...	1.4	2.8	12.0
48	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	158	-1	...	0.8	14.7
55	18½	Kelt Energy	49	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	130	-4½	...	3.2	26.3
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	4½	-½	...	...	...
63½	34	Monument	63½	+½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
50	27	Oil Search	49	...	...	...	...
27½	11½	Perez	27½	+2	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	27	-½	...	...	10.0
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	370	-10	...	4.4	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7203½	+68½	...	4.1	13.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3415½	-118½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	734	+3	22.6	3.5	22.6
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	T'rson Europe	33	...	...	...	...
18½	6	Villers Grp	18½	+½	...	...	...
228½	135	Woodside	227½	-1	...	1.6	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
444	249	API	434 †	...	...	2.4	27.2
297	144	Arjo Wiggins	296	...	...	2.7	47.9
695	408	Abbott Mead	695	-22	9.5	1.7	36.5
40	13	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	203	...	4.9	3.0	19.4
26	7	BPB Designs	24	...	...	...	...
464	323	Bemrose	464	+1	...	3.6	21.3
20½	7	Birkdale	11½	...	...	...	...
175	118	Bunzl	171	-1	4.9	2.9	25.2
430	257	CIA Gp	428	...	4.4	1.3	27.0
230	93	Capital Inds	177	...	...	2.2	16.9
93	45	City of Lon▲	90	...	...	5.3	16.5
416	169	Cropper (Jmes)	419	+2	3.2	1.0	63.5
106	51	Delyn Group	106	...	1.6	2.0	14.3
137	94	Dolphin Pack	130	...	4.5	4.3	32.1
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	81	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	13½	...	...	2.7	15.5
91	41	Fairway Group▲	91	...	3.2	4.5	26.5
409	271	Ferguson Intl	405	...	...	3.9	16.2
140	82	Ferry Pick	140	...	...	5.0	37.6
227	74	Filofax▲	225	...	...	0.8	25.0
20	8	Finch	13	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	147 †	...	5.2	4.5	16.3
295	205	Gold Greenless	252	...	8.4	4.2	22.4
41	17	Goodhead	30 †	...	...	0.2	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	30	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interurope	159	...	...	6.1	11.7
290	191	Jarvis Porter	289	...	...	2.1	26.9
33½	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMD	33½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	423	...	13.2	3.9	50.6
146	48	NMC Group	137	...	2.7	2.5	21.2
300	66	Osborne & Little	296	...	...	2.2	32.5
60	6½	Osprey Comms	54	-2	...	0.2	...
575	455	Portals	574	-2	...	3.2	19.8
3½	0½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
316	159	Quarto	316	...	...	2.3	19.6
401	270	St Ives Gp	401	-11	...	1.7	26.5
166	133	Saatchi	147	...	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	521½	-½	...	6.3	9.6
30½	8	Serif	29	...	...	...	...
55½	14	Shorewood	54½	...	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	510 †	-6	...	2.5	34.8
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	344	...	...	1.5	8.3
119	45	Somic	119	...	2.5	2.6	48.6
246	183	Sun-Plus	240	...	8.4	4.3	21.5
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	31	...	0.3	1.3	26.0
141	38	VTR▲	140	+1	...	3.3	21.1
122	40	WPP	119	-1	...	1.1	4.5
254	62	Wace	248	-2	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	255	...	...	4.2	19.1
479	270	Watmough	477	+1	...	1.5	37.4
7	3	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck▲	36	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.6	22.1

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	33.2
48	35	Arcadian	49	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	-½	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	140	-1	...	1.9	14.7
191	88	Avonside	184	...	4.1	2.8	25.7
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2437½	+37½	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	700	-4	18.9	3.1	27.5
48	17	Bourne End	37	-1	...	1.3	...
276	150	Bradford	274	...	5.9	2.7	27.6
23	5	Brederc	21	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	462 †	+1	...	1.9	42.1
276	147½	Brixton	260	-2	...	4.0	20.6
123	42	Burford	122	...	...	1.3	...
216	69	Cap & Regnl▲	216	...	1.3	0.8	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270 †	...	2.5	1.2	...
185	38	Chelsfield	180	...	...	1.7	...
658	196	Chesterfield	658	+3	11.5	2.2	47.1
83	12	City Site Ests	74	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	30	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Rblst GS	60	...	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1755 †	...	...	1.9	21.7
65	5	Dares Estates	21½	-½	...	...	...
155	53	Debenham Twsn	155 †	...	...	2.7	29.4
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	188	...	3.0	2.0	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	39½	-½	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	63	...	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	2.3	48.2
47	7½	Estates Gen	42	-½	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	128	...	...	2.3	22.6
37	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
74	30	Fletcher King	73 †	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	276½	Frogmore	534	...	...	1.7	23.7
321	97	Grainger	319 †	...	...	2.1	57.0
260	116½	Gt Portland	247	+3	...	4.0	23.6
23½	3½	Greycoat	22½ †	+1½	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	249	+1½	...	2.5	32.8
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	84	...	0.5	0.7	...
428	233	Hammerson	424	+2	10.0	2.9	42.9
377	127	Helical Bar	376	...	...	1.6	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	38½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	69	...	3.7	6.8	17.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	760	-8	23.1	3.8	22.7
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	119 †	-1	4.0	4.2	18.5
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	522	-7	...	4.8	30.0
13	5	McInerney A	13	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	185 †	...	3.5	2.4	25.4
8½	2½	Markheath	5½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	77	...	...	...	...
55	28	Moorfield Est	51	...	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1275 †	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	196	...	...	3.9	30.5
70	30	Olives Prop	66	+1	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	188	+1	4.3	2.9	37.3
399	138	Peel	395	+2	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	45	...	...	...	12.8
63	33	Raglan	49	-1	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	36½	-½	...	...	...
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
66	16	St Modwen Prp	61	...	0.9	1.8	46.5
78	39	Saville Grdn (J)	75 †	...	...	4.4	37.4
100	39	Savills	88 †	...	...	2.5	34.8
112	33½	Scot Met	106	...	...	1.8	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12	...	...	...	6.5
313	139½	Slough Estates	286	-1	...	3.4	20.7
103	56	Southend Prop	101 †	...	...	3.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	29	...	...	...	...
244	114	Tops Ests	244 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
161	79	Town Centre	160	...	...	2.7	28.6
107	43	Trafford Park	107	+1	...	3.3	24.6
58	17	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
317	180	Warner	316	+7	10.4	4.1	28.9
247	168	Warnford	247	...	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
103	34	Wates	103	...	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D▲	103 †	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic▲	34	...	...	...	...
218	84	Headlam	217	+2	...	1.7	49.0
500	285	Lambert	400	+2	13.2	4.1	9.8
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	+2	1.0	4.8	7.2
250	89	Stylo	249	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	63	+1	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
616	408	Allied Text	615	...	12.9	2.7	∞
71	54	Beckman (A)	68	...	...	6.6	14.6
41	21	Bolton Gp	26	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	210	...	8.5	5.1	19.7
55	15	Chartwell▲	53	+5	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	361	+3	7.5	2.6	22.5
601	449	Courtauld Text	583	+3	13.9	3.0	16.0
53½	20	Cupid▲	23	-1	...	...	...
248½	124	Dawson	134	-7	...	7.1	10.2
47	22	Drummond	34	-1	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel▲	77 †	...	4.9	8.0	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	27	-1	...	...	...
164	82	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	235	+1	...	2.2	16.7
90	45	Jerome (S)	66	...	...	0.4	...
480	249	Lamont	480	...	12.0	3.1	31.7
515	353½	Leeds	501	...	...	2.1	17.6
122	23	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.3	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	265 ↓	...	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	111	-½	...	3.4	20.9
66	35	SEET	56	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	140	...	...	4.8	9.7
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325 †	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30½	West Trust	44	...	...	7.7	...
280	126	Yorklyde	273	...	...	2.5	17.9

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	402	BAT	502	-8	...	4.6	15.0
495	315½	Rothmans	458	...	...	3.4	14.4

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
623	349	Assoc Br Ports	615	-3	...	1.8	...
1083	707	BAA	1043	-11	...	2.0	25.9
126	106	Badgerline	123	...	...	4.2	1.4
496½	249	Br Airways	475½	+½	...	2.8	21.3
113	56	Clarkson (H)	108	...	1.7	2.0	...
665	532	Eurotunnel Uts	577	+10	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.6
293	147	Gold Steam	289	...	...	3.6	15.2
35	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	108	...	...	1.2	19.8
534	264	Mersey Docks	525	-3	...	2.1	35.7
282	181	Natl Express	274	...	...	3.2	28.3
291	218	NFC	264 †	-5	...	3.3	20.5
348	244	Ocean Group	334	...	...	5.4	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	85	...	4.0	5.9	15.4
728	504	P & O Dfd	708	...	...	5.4	38.4
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	155	...	...	4.4	...
693	448	Powell Duffryn	673	-1	...	4.2	21.3
241	117	Seacon▲	235	-6	5.7	3.1	∞
206	112	Stagecoach	206	+7	...	2.3	25.1
120½	31½	TNT	119½	...	...	...	...
896	624	Tibbet & Britn	898	+3	12.6	1.8	34.4
382	37	Tiphook	67	...	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	324	...	...	3.7	10.7
128	98	Ugland	124	...	...	...	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	549 †	-14	...	4.9	11.0
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
761	547	Northumbrian	711 †	-12	...	4.1	8.3
611	431½	North West	562 †	-12	...	4.9	9.3
645	439	Severn Trent	602 †	-14	...	4.5	9.3
685	464	Sthn Water	624 †	-20	...	4.4	10.0
1408	1225	Sth Staffs	1575	...	46.5	3.6	11.2
675	465	South West	628 †	-18	...	4.8	10.1
611	454	Thames Water	568	-9	...	4.7	11.1
744	506	Welsh Water	702 †	-21	...	4.3	7.1
759½	536	Wessex Water	716 †	-16	...	3.9	11.4
630	473½	Yorkshire W	585 †	-22	...	4.7	9.7

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109½	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100 †	...	14.50	...
109	101	Exch 13½% 1994	101	...	13.27	5.09
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	...	9.85	5.14
110	103½	Exch 12½% 1994	103½ †	...	12.03	5.06
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	102	...	8.74	4.98
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106	...	11.27	4.93
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.77
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	...	9.57	5.08
116½	112	Treas 12¾% 1995	112	...	11.33	5.19
120½	115½	Treas 14% 1996	115½	-⅛	12.08	5.31
125½	120	Treas 15¼% 1996	120½	-⅛	12.67	5.42
120	115½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-⅛	11.38	5.42
112½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111	-⅛	9.00	5.59
122	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-⅛	11.04	5.74
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	-⅛	9.20	5.74
110½	108½	Treas 8¾% 1997	109½ †	-⅛	8.01	5.81
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130½	-⅛	11.57	5.97
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	113	-⅛	8.63	5.98
108	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	104	-⅛	6.92	5.93
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104½	-⅛	6.92	5.93
102½	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.64	5.29
131½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-⅛	10.84	6.15
140	135	Treas 15½% 1998	137½	-⅛	11.26	6.06
126	118½	Exch 12% 1998	123	-⅛	9.71	6.22
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	114½	-⅛	8.32	6.13

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98½	Treas 6% 1999	100 †	-⅛	6.00	6.01
128½	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125½	-⅛	9.74	6.30
121½	112	Treas 10½% 1999	118½	-⅛	8.83	6.24
121½	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	118	-⅛	8.63	6.32
110½	106	Conv 9% 2000	113½ †	-⅛	7.93	6.28
136	125½	Treas 13% 2000	133	-⅛	9.74	6.53
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	103	-⅛	6.77	6.43
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	-⅛	8.41	6.58
123	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	119 †	-⅛	8.15	6.70
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	109	-⅛	7.29	6.58
127	109½	Treas 10% 2003	122	-⅛	8.15	6.74
129	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126½ †	-⅛	9.11	6.78
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82	-⅛	4.27	5.83
105	97½	Treas 6¾% 2004	101	-⅛	6.67	6.58
125	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	120	-⅛	7.90	6.79
125	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	120	-⅛	7.87	6.87
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138	-⅛	9.01	6.95
111½	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	107	+⅛	7.42	6.79
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	107	-⅛	7.18	6.79
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131	-⅛	8.92	6.93
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	114½	-⅛	7.42	6.84
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	146	-⅛	9.19	6.96
124	101½	Treas 9% 2008	119	-⅛	7.52	6.85

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	110	+⅛	7.22	6.86
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	121	-⅛	7.40	6.86
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	122½	-⅛	7.35	6.85
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88 †	...	6.24	6.62
114	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	109½	...	7.07	6.81
117½	93	Treas 8% 2013	112	-⅛	7.12	6.64
159½	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	152	-⅛	7.85	7.01
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	122	-⅛	7.13	6.80

UNDATED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38½	War Ln 3½%	51	+⅛	6.81	...
37½	27	Treas 2½%	35½	+⅛	7.12	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	137½	...	...	...
204½	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202½ †	+⅛	1.25	2.19
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111	+⅛	1.57	2.22
176½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174	+⅛	2.28	2.65
173½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171½	+⅛	2.50	2.80
118½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	+⅛	2.55	2.83
184	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	181½	-⅛	2.63	2.85
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164½	...	2.84	3.03
179½	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171 †	...	2.88	3.06
146½	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141	+⅛	2.92	3.08
157½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	152½	+⅛	2.97	3.12
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	147	...	3.02	3.15
129½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124½	+⅛	3.01	3.13
128	107½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	123½	+⅛	3.03	3.15

Source: Finstat

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Teams play revealing games

Outdoor training courses boost morale and cement contacts, says David Guest



"Eurograduates" from ICL get their backs into a teambuilding and leadership training course at an outdoor training centre in Scotland

What is the connection between writing elegant machine code and retrieving a body from a tree in the middle of a minefield? Both can be all in a day's work for information technology specialists, if their employers belong to the growing number who subscribe to outdoor, team-building and bonding exercises.

Plenty of job advertisements in IT ask for "team players". The qualities of a team player are easier to proclaim than to exhibit, however, especially in the security of an office. Companies send their staff into the outdoors for a number of reasons, singly and in combination. Some aim to promote co-operation and trust, some hope to raise the self-awareness of individuals and some simply aim to make employment fun. Not all return with the same results.

Software supplier Microsoft makes the element of fun explicit in the otherwise sober context of a "corporate mission statement". It sends departmental staff, from director down to office junior, "off-site" for team-building exercises that test initiative and mental agility as much as endurance. Systems engineers, for example, might find themselves split into teams to determine how to cross a lake to an island.

Water hazards are a recurrent feature of team building. Dun & Bradstreet Software, trying to combine two sales teams following a merger, sent its sales forces to the Lake District for a series of exercises against the clock. Stephen Swift, vice-president of DBS's European operations, says: "In teams of eight they had to build a raft out of bits and pieces, sail round a course on Lake Windermere and get back safely." The team ethos broke down when one raft sank and individualism bobbed to the surface, he recalls, but the exercise was a success.

Not so another DBS excursion to Dartmoor. Senior managers were dispatched to test a respected management theory: that there are eight key roles and a management team of the right size and mix will be more creative and effective than the sum of its parts. "Small groups of five or six went out on a physically demanding orienteering course," says Mr Swift. "It went well for the individual groups but between themselves the teams reached levels of competitiveness that stopped just short of violence. Some bent the rules by using portable telephones, and there were accusations that some teams moved the orienteering points to confuse others."

A psychologist found only one team player in the entire group of 20: the rest all fell into a category of "shapers". Mr Swift suggests that senior managers become senior managers because they are competitive individuals. He says he would certainly use the training again but "insist on more planning and company involvement on our side".

Chris Lever, a human resources consultant working for Digital Equipment, says: "We are trying to give people an awareness of who they are and the ability to make a shift in terms of self-worth and confidence. You can get those from what you produce or achieve — external things — or from who you are. People able to cope with change best are those with an internal awareness, because the external factors are subject to change."

ICL, on the other hand, managed to promote team-building among executives by starting the process early. Ginny Spittle, human resources development manager, says: "We aren't big on outdoor training as a company, but the thing we have used regularly since 1989 to make ICL more European is our Eurograduate programme.

"We take graduates — the average age is about 25, because they often have more than one degree and have done national service — and bring them to Britain for a year. They go on work placement, have a common training programme, and right at the end we send them to Scotland for five or six days to an outdoor training centre to cement that bonding.

"These are the European managers of the future, and when they get home they network across borders. They get together for dinners and weekends, and they really do ease trade across borders for us. Of the 80 young people who have been through the programme, only seven have dropped out."

She adds that self-awareness can be a natural result of even the most artificial outdoor exercises. "Under stress, away from the familiar, supportive framework of the office, people revert to type."

When Mr Lever joined Digital seven years ago, outdoor team-building exercises had fallen into disrepute. "People were saying that it was good for them, but they struggled to see the relevance to the business and some of the regimes were actually harmful" he recalls. "Used in the right context, with clear aims and clear strategies, it can be very useful as long as the lessons are transferable."

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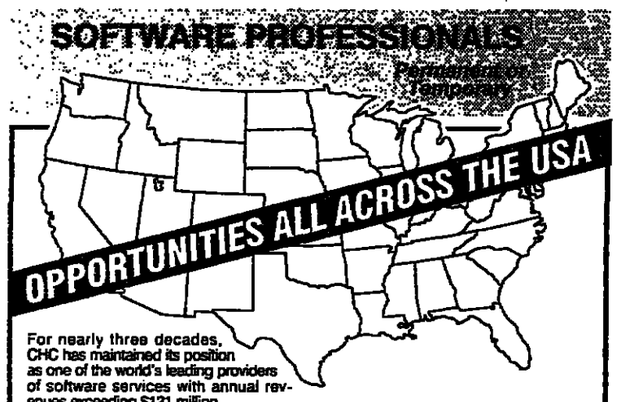
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Video, lights, action!

New games allow players to decide the plot, **David Hewson** says



A still from *Dracula Unleashed*, one of the interactive CD-rom computer games pioneering a video revolution

Whether it was Bambi peering shyly round a tree or Harrison Ford piloting the Millennium Falcon in *Star Wars*, our first memory of the cinema tends to be warm, comfortable and long-lived. Will pushing a compact disc into a slot in the home computer and watching a small-time Hollywood actress kill her opponent in an electric chair really be the same?

The film world is suddenly alive to the idea of interactive films, free-wheeling computer-based titles that fit on to a single CD-rom, the computer version of the compact disc, and the promise to transform the viewer from simple, passive bystander into an active participant in the action.

Most of the big-budget films being shot today are filming and storing extra footage to provide raw material for the time when this year's box-office hit turns into next year's interactive blockbuster. Moves to give cinema-style certificates to video games are unlikely to staunch the flow.

In the old downtown warehouse district of San Francisco, 30 miles down the road from Silicon Valley, so many interactive film-makers have taken up office space that locals have renamed one road Multimedia Gulch.

Late last year Media Vision, the California electronics company, announced a new interactive film at a party that attracted a bevy of Hollywood directors and actors curious to know what the latest buzz was really about.

Two Media Vision sci-fi titles, *Critical Path* and *Quantum Gate*, are already out and the company recently advertised in *Hollywood Reporter* for conventional screenwriters to help them expand their list of films.

The difficulty is that while everyone wants to get in on the boom, no one seems able to agree precisely what an interactive film is. Media Vision's two published titles more resemble very advanced video games with live footage than anything seen at a cinema.

The genre also seems to be top-heavy with a very predictable formula: science fiction "thrillers" in which live actors, frequently women with an abbreviated dress sense, are threatened by aliens or outlaws or similarly lascivious horror themes such as the two Dracula titles already on the market.

Paul Jain, president of Media Vision, says he intends to monitor content of future titles after a "deskful" of complaining letters from parents about the violent content of *Critical Path*, in which the leading actress disposes of one villain by "frying" him in an electric chair.

Multimedia technology allows viewers to direct the plot or a particular character in it, moving randomly from scene to scene. You point the mouse and go where you want to go, not where the director tells you. This sounds attractive and innovative until you realise that it also means you could be the one person watching *Psycho* who fails to open the shower curtain.

One of the few genuinely interesting multimedia titles on the market at the moment is *Myst*, a graphical computer riddle largely written, illustrated and scored with haunting music on Apple Macintosh computers by two brothers, Rand and Robyn Miller, from Spokane, Washington.

Myst is a visual puzzle which looks as if it was designed by Dali and Escher and scripted by Mervyn Peake. Unlike most interactive titles, it is also like a film in that it requires no prior knowledge of the story or software. The viewer navigates through a complex web of landscapes, picking up visual, textual and aural clues in an attempt to solve the mystery of a strange family feud.

The first pressing of CD-roms last autumn sold out in days, but the Miller brothers are adamant that it is not an interactive film. "I don't really know what an interactive movie is and neither, I suspect, do most of the people who say they are producing them," says Rand Miller. "Maybe they should just call it low quality interactive television. I think this is important because, when you label something a movie, people expect something they can rent, sit down and watch, and that's not what this is."

Since *Myst* appeared, a number of Hollywood companies have expressed interest in taking it to the big screen. "I can't see how the game itself can be transferred," says Robyn Miller. "It's non-linear and would be impossible to put it back into a linear, movie format. The people in Hollywood want to be in on the latest entertainment craze and I guess they think that, if interactive entertainment is going to take away a chunk of their audience, they want in on that too.

"But they're coming at it from the wrong point of view if they think they can just turn a movie into something interactive by filming extra footage and putting it on a CD-rom or do the reverse with a game."

American film critic Roger Ebert has seen *Myst* and says he was surprised by how absorbing it was. "But I think it is important to make a distinction between interactive games and interactive movies. The point of a movie is to take control of our imagination; we should be having an experience, not creating one.

"One of the most powerful results of a good movie is that we have the sensation of participating in events beyond our control. If we could 'decide' what happens next, the whole point would be lost.

"I think in the long run you will find that interactive video will move in the direction of games, puzzles, alternative worlds and various educational and arcade-style programs, and that movies will remain movies."

The village hall goes electric

The battle against crime has been computerised in Cambridgeshire

In the leafy suburbs of Cambridgeshire, computers are being used in the battle against crime. Camwatch is Britain's first neighbourhood watch scheme to use an electronic mail system for communication. The E-mail system links a number of computers via a network or telephone lines. Users can type messages on a personal computer and send them to a central computer, which stores them for others to read.

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Neighbourhood Watch schemes — which involve a group of local people keeping an eye on their community and reporting any suspicious activity to the police — have proved to be very popular. More than 1,200 operate in Cambridgeshire alone.

One of the biggest problems is seen as maintaining regular contact between the police and public. Chief Inspector Paul Styles, who came up with the idea of Camwatch, says: "If there isn't the contact, the initial enthusiasm among Watch members can turn to apathy or even antipathy."

Camwatch is supposed to be a prototype of something that could become an electronic version of the village hall. Set up in the Huntingdon sub-division at the end of April, it is sponsored by Eastern Electricity and Psion Dacom, a modem manufacturer. The system — which requires a PC, special software and a modem — has 50 users, which include Watch co-ordinators — who collect and collate information — and police officers.

The system includes information on crime prevention and even the chief constable's annual report. Messages can warn if, for example, burglars are operating in a particular area or ask members to be on the lookout for a particular vehicle or group of people.

One advantage is the ability to give feedback. "People like to know what happened to any information they provided and whether anyone has been arrested in connection to a crime which happened locally," chief inspector Styles says.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is also developing a computerised crime mapping and analysis system which will tell Camwatch users the types of crimes taking place in their area. There are also plans to provide a database of useful products and firms who provide security products and services.

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A third Fine Art and Antiques Fairs is to be held this year, writes **Joseph Connolly**, and buyers can be confident that Lovejoy will not be there



A Queen Anne inlaid chest

Step inside the treasure chest

The biannual Fine Art and Antiques Fairs, held in June and November, have long been considered two of the most important and exciting events in the trade calendar. So the announcement last year that the National Hall at Olympia would play host this year to a third such fair, from February 15 to 20, was met with general enthusiasm.

For serious collectors and connoisseurs, the fair is not to be missed. Dealers have gone to great trouble to ensure that the treasures on show will be mouthwatering. Quality is a key feature and its organisers say vetting procedures for every piece are strict.

A panel comprising senior members of the British Antique Dealers' Association, the London & Provincial Dealers' Association, individual specialists, museum curators and academics unreservedly guarantee that all identifications, labelling and provenance are spot-on.

This reassurance should banish any thoughts of deception from the minds of all would-be investors.

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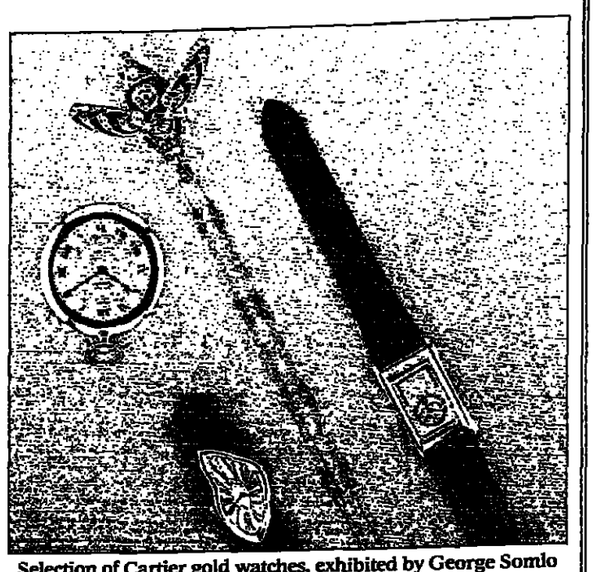
For instance, if you like porcelain, Lucy Johnson, a specialist in 18th-century blue and white, offers a rare George II Delftware dish (c. 1740); by way of contrast, Galerie Besson has a range of the much-lauded earthy ceramics by Hans Coper, as well as even more recent work by Claudi Casanovas, a 38-year-old Catalan ceramicist.

Other small antiques on offer include Chinese snuff bottles (Dennis Crow), Regency scent bottles and art deco silver decanters (Mark J. West), rare gold and platinum watches by Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpel (Hancocks and George Somlo), as well as a fine selection of Fabergé eggs, miniatures and jewellery from Shapiro & Co (a nice tie-in with the Fabergé exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum).

In terms of fine art, the range encompasses many things from a 13th-century polychrome panel of the Virgin and Child (Richard Philip) to Gimpel Fils's exhibition of works by Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson — in addition to Chinese watercolours, 18th-century mezzotints and drawings by Gertrude Jekyll.

The furniture on show includes an excellent Queen Anne walnut and inlaid chest on a stand (c. 1705 from Leuchars & Jefferson), busts, urns, 18th-century painted French panelling and a 19th-century oak spiral staircase (Geoffrey Stead) and from Anthony Outred, a 19th-century library comprising 30ft of book-cases. Michael Norman will be recreating two entirely Regency rooms, each beautifully furnished in period. The full feast awaits you at Olympia.

● *The Fine Art and Antiques Fair is at the National Hall, Olympia, Hammersmith Road, west London. February 15 to 18 open 11am to 8pm; February 19 11am to 6pm; February 20 11am to 5pm, admission £5.*

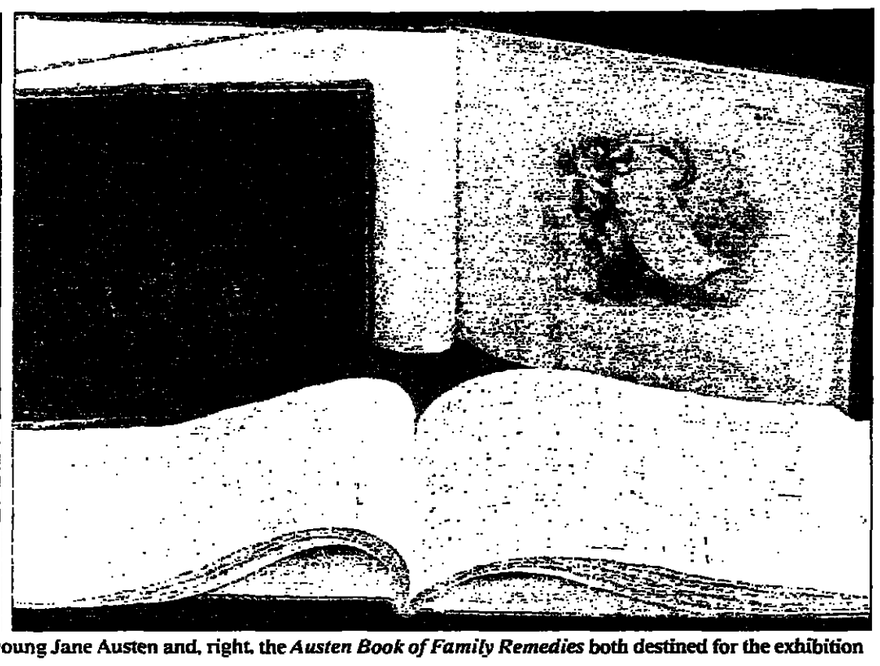


Selection of Cartier gold watches, exhibited by George Somlo

At home with the Austens

The life of the 19th-century novelist will be celebrated at next week's show





A portrait believed to be of the young Jane Austen and, right, the *Austen Book of Family Remedies* both destined for the exhibition

Probably the largest and most comprehensive Jane Austen exhibition is to be staged at the forthcoming Fine Art and Antiques Fair at Olympia, *Joseph Connolly writes*. Under the umbrella title, "Jane Austen and her Family", this collection of all manner of artefacts should be a treat for those who would like to get closer to this most English of novelists.

The speed with which the exhibition has been mounted is a tribute to the commitment and enthusiasm of the Jane Austen Museum Trust, and of almost every descendant of the family who was approached by Angus Stewart, art adviser to the Fine Art and Antiques Fair, and the exhibition's curator.

Mr Stewart says: "It all began with a rather pretty pastel portrait of Jane Austen's nephew, which was offered for sale at last June's fair. I admired it, and mused aloud how wonderful it would be if the portrait could be set in some sort of family context, and started sending out probing letters to absolutely anyone with any Jane Austen connection last November."

Mr Stewart's starting points were the Museum Trust at Chawton, in Hampshire, and the more prominent of her known descendants, such as the seventh Lord Brabourne, who is Jane Austen's great-great-great-nephew.

"After that," Mr Stewart says, "I was groping a bit — anonymous tip-offs, a few nebulous promises — but then the whole thing really began to take off, and we now have nearly 140 exhibits. Everyone in the family was immensely generous and rallied round magnificently, which is why the exhibition is so rich, and also so delightfully diverse."

One of the star exhibits is a portrait by Romney of Catherine Knight (Jane Austen's favourite niece), but perhaps even more intriguing are the personal mementoes, many not seen before.

There is Jane Austen's work table, painted in the Chinese manner, two sections of the original wallpaper from her house at Chawton, some of Jane's jewellery and a lock of her hair. Even more intimate are a lace collar — embroidered and worn by Jane — as well as a handkerchief and a scarf, similarly embellished.

Among the many manuscripts, letters and diaries on show, is a newly identified handwritten poem by Jane Austen, a grand handwritten music book (Jane took her piano playing very seriously) and most diverting of all — the *Austen Book of Family Remedies*. This is handwritten by all members of the family, and contains cures for gout, consumption and something called "The Decline".

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As to the great lady's published works, the Queen has been approached to lend the first edition of *Emma*, presented by Jane Austen to the Prince Regent. Other first editions will be on show — some of which are for sale.

The bookseller Simon Finch is offering the three-decker (that is, in three volumes) 1811 first edition of *Sense and Sensibility* ("By a Lady") for £11,750, the 1813 three-decker first edition of *Pride and Prejudice* at £13,000, and the first collected edition of Jane Austen's works of 1818 in five volumes bound in contemporary calf, also at £13,000.

● Jane Austen and her Family *is at the Fine Art and Antiques Fair at the National Hall, Olympia, London from February 15 to 20. An Evening with Jane Austen, presented by Fay Weldon, takes place on February 15 at 6.30pm, details from Sophie Thornton at the Folio Society (071-407 7411). The Jane Austen Memorial Trust (Jane Austen's house) is at Chawton, Alton, Hampshire (0420 83262): it is open February weekends only, 11am to 4.30pm; April to October every day, 11am to 4.30pm; November, December and March open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am to 4.30pm.*

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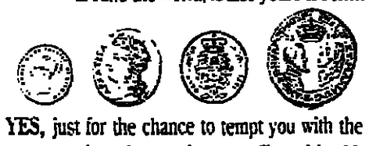
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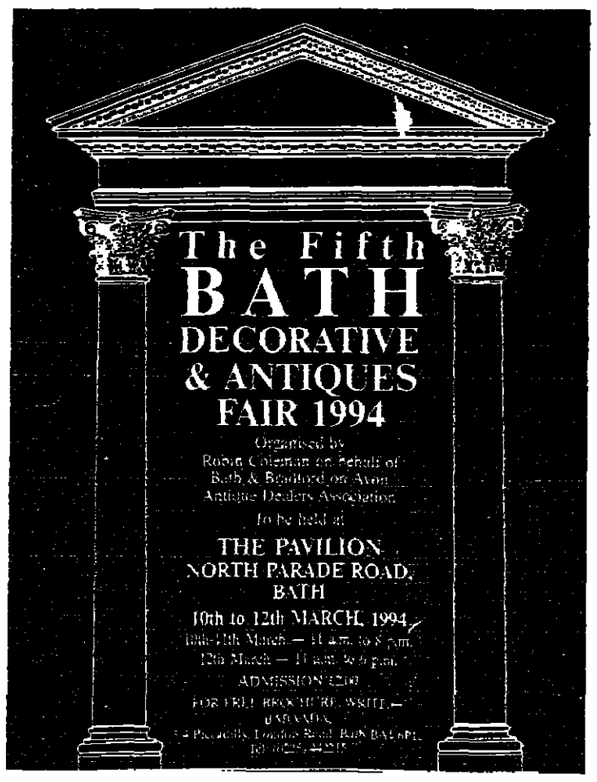
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English National Opera, deep in the red, has announced an adventurous season. Dennis Marks, ENO's chief, explains the logic to Rodney Milnes

Cannon to the left, cannon to the right, cannon in front and behind — so we advance! Dennis Marks has the air of an incurable optimist, which is what he needs to be. Only a Pangloss slightly more hard-nosed than Voltaire's could keep his spirits so buoyant in the face of the series of interlocking spirals (mostly downwards) facing English National Opera. A deficit of £2.3 million and rising, a 10 per cent drop in private funding, a three-year freeze (ie, cut) in Arts Council grant, a box-office crisis — and yet yesterday he announced a distinctly ambitious programme of eight new productions for next season at the Coliseum.

The only faintly encouraging aspect to all this is that box-office takings have fallen less in the past few months than they did in the same period the previous year. That fact drives Marks's optimistic planning. As last summer's Arts Council appraisal sagely noted, the ENO's stock of revivable productions has steadily diminished over recent years compared with, say, the palmy days of the 1970s and early 1980s. Audiences are selective in a recession, supporting new productions but less ready to support long runs of those revivable stagings that there are. It is the current season's new productions of *Bohème*, *Lohengrin* and *Rosenkavalier* that started to reverse the box-office trend. Hence the need to regenerate the basic repertoire and to regenerate the box office that accounts for 35 per cent of the company's income.

> "We have to balance revelations with shows that could become old friends"

The programme of new productions is nicely balanced: two box-office pieces from the top ten, *Don Giovanni* and *Tosca*; two from the fringe that ENO has traditionally explored, *Khovanshchina* and *Don Quichotte*; three 20th-century classics in *King Priam*, *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Mahagonny*; and one important contemporary work new to the UK, Schnittke's *Life with an Idiot*. Four are shared productions.

But sharing is not enough to foot the bill, and Marks has several interlocking and, with luck, upwardly spiralling schemes for both raising and saving money. The Friends of ENO have always been generous in support of new work, and there is a tradition of regular audiences paying for specific projects with bucket-rattling appeals from the stage and in the foyers. Marks hopes to build on all this goodwill by drawing in both public and corporate support with his "New Stages" appeal announced yesterday, specifically aimed at creating a partnership to enable this level of box-office-friendly creativity over the next three years. The immediate target is £250,000 by the end of the current season, with the same sum to be reached during 1994/5.

Extension of the visiting companies slot each summer and an additional break over Christmas (not necessarily a break from opera, but no details yet) will help both to reduce the need for long runs of box-office-resistant revivals and to generate income from one of the company's hardest assets, the Coliseum itself — "the best lyric stage in the country", Marks fervently believes. There are schemes for the company performing — profitably — elsewhere in 1997, the designated "Year of Opera" when, ironically, the theatre may be closed for refurbishment.

Negotiations for televising ENO productions have resulted in a three-year, three-opera deal with the BBC, and Channel 4 is to transmit Judith Weir's *Blond Eckbert*. There is also the prospect of a new series of English language recordings made with the company.

Less appetising but horribly necessary is the cut of £750,000 in operating costs. "At the end of the last financial year the company fell the best part of £1 million short of its budgeting target. This year the deficit should not increase by that much — though we must be prepared for another rise — but we simply cannot afford for that to happen next year. So we're having to be tough and realistic. The bulk of an opera company's costs is not productions, but people. There will be adjustments to working practices, and unfortunately there will be job losses, hopefully to be achieved through natural wastage and voluntary redundancies."

There may also be a perceptible slimming down of what happens on stage. "I hope the general response to *Rosenkavalier* was that the comparative austerity on stage was absolutely appropriate to Jonathan Miller's concept. We're not living in a high-spending age, and it's possible to do even an opera as lush as that without throwing money at it." Cunning cannibalisation means that Nicolette Molnar's *Così fan tutte* in May will cost a quarter of the usual budget for a new production.

Marks's constant theme of rebuilding the repertoire and the box office, his consultations with such old hands as Lord Harewood and Edmund Tracey about what made the ENO so spectacular a success story in the 1970s and early 1980s, could imply criticism of the more recent, self-styled "Power House" regime under Peter Jonas, which he is anxious to avoid. "They had six years of substantial, and some superlative, artistic successes. If there was a characteristic, it lay in a series of blinding revelations. Some were of their time, a time that coincided with the big boom in opera-going, when people were voracious for new experiences.

"People are still voracious, but we have to balance blinding revelations, which audiences may want to see once or twice, with productions that could become old friends. We desperately need old friends now."

The Power House regime specifically targeted a new, perhaps non-operatic audience at the expense of traditional ENO supporters. "My mailbag is full of letters saying 'we used to come a lot, but we feel that what's put on now just isn't for us'. People got the impression that the particular productions that characterised the Power House style were in the majority. I think that's an exaggeration, but maybe the balance had shifted a bit too much one way."

Ticket prices, which rose by 50 per cent under the Power House when core funding fell, are another element in the interlocking spirals, and Marks is working on a restructuring — he can't contemplate a reduction — to bring a larger proportion of seats down to the level of an evening out at, say, *Phantom of the Opera*, as recommended by the 1987 Price Waterhouse study. Healthy box office is crucial to his plans.

As for the Coliseum itself, ENO as freeholders are committed to raising an estimated £18 million to refurbish the lovable but decrepit theatre. "There's no point in rebuilding the repertory if you're performing it in a pigeon's graveyard held together by chewing gum." But that's another story for another day.



ALAN WELLER

ENO's general director, Dennis Marks, at the London Coliseum: "We're not living in a high-spending age, and it's possible to do opera without throwing money at it"

THEATRE: A werewolf stalks the Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Mock horror romp

WHY would an eminent physician, his pushy wife, their beautiful daughter and a love-lorn lord disguised as their butler choose to take a vacation in an asylum based in Walpurgisdorf Castle and specialising in the treatment of lycanthropy? Why would they press on cheerfully to this destination even when a passing woodcutter, asked how to get there, crosses himself with a hideous groan? For us theatre buffs, there is only one answer. They are about to take part in another jaunty horror-show by Ken Hill.

Hill is the adaptor of *The Phantom of the Opera* (the pre-Lloyd Webber version) and *The Invisible Man*. Like them, *Curse of the Werewolf* straddles the no man's land between Grand Guignol and the kind of romp in which the Theatre Royal has specialised since the days of Joan Littlewood. It is pretty silly stuff — petty guignol, so to speak — but it does not pretend to be anything else.

Sarah-Jane McClelland's set looks a bit neat and clean for a spooky pile, but it is an imposing sight, and an adaptable one too. Moreover, it comes with all the trimmings: organ music, loud wind, metallic shrieks, scudding clouds, creaks, unexplained stage smoke, and so little daylight as to make the place meteorologically interesting.

Hill's production is somewhat pacier and more restless than the moon, which contrives to remain full and unmoving whatever the time of the night or the month. However, some of the acting needs gingering up and some of Ian Armit and Carl Zeller's bright, winsome but distracting songs need gingering down. That would have the double effect of speeding the flow of the story of Kitty (Diana Morrison), the English belle who comes to Walpurgisdorf with what appears to be an unswerving determination to be terrorised, manhandled and abused.



Petty guignol: Steven Pacey as the aristocratic werewolf

Actually, Morrison remains almost pathologically unruffled throughout her ordeal. This includes, but does not fully comprise, being carried off by the aristocratic werewolf (Steven Pacey) with whose pink, hairless alter ego she has fallen in love, and being forced to mainline on lupine narcotics by a megalomaniac doctor who, as played by Terrence Hardiman, looks like a bleached, balding blend of Peter Cushing and Vita Sackville-West. A leather-clad police chief (Bogdan Kominowski) with a mechanical arm hovers menacingly on the sidelines, but turns out to be there mainly for decorative purposes.

The decoration also includes corpses, a severed hand, fingers creeping round corners, and a really rather effective piece of transformation involving Pacey and some grey fur. All this, and a lot of pastiche B-movie lines. "We are on the edge of a swamp, and many an unwary traveller has been lost in it," someone tells Morrison's dimpling Kitty as hungry gurgles and paludal tummy-rumbles rise from a grotto nearby — and do you need me to tell you what duly occurs? Of course you don't, not when Ken Hill is happily Ken Hilling.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

TELEVISION: A rail journey enhanced by some first-class frocks

Flouncing off to Brazil

IF YOU were sorting out your wardrobe in preparation for a 1,500-mile train journey from Brazil to Bolivia — part of it by freight car and goods van — which of your delicate dry-clean-only items would you automatically discard? The large decorative shovel hat? The thick long white cotton frock with flouncy ruffled skirt? The linen suit, possibly?

Strangely, however, these were just a few of the spotless, ironed and elaborately eye-catching items that the overly-monickered author Lisa St Aubin de Teran decided to pack into her improbably tiny suitcase for last night's **Great Railway Journeys** (BBC2).

The words "back-up team" and "wardrobe mistress" naturally flap and bump like moths around one's head during these personal travel programmes, but normally one tries, successfully, to ignore them. Why undermine the illusion of the lone voyager, if that's what the film is about? But there are different ways of handling the illusion, and wearing a variety of well-pressed pale linen jackets is decidedly not among them.

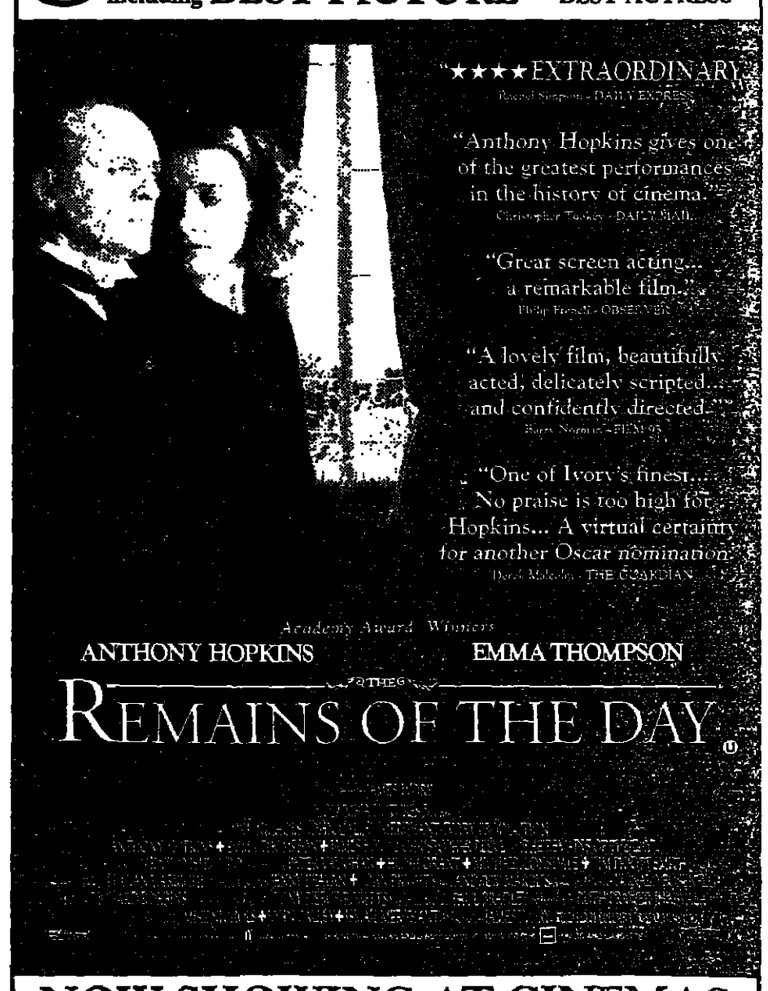
Lisa St Aubin de Teran would probably argue that she always travels this way. She is famous for the extravagant romantic frocks; famous likewise for the quantity of fine leather portmanteaux she heaps onto her getaway trains, whenever she feels the urge to bolt. What made her perfect for a BBC2 Great Railway Journey is that she adores trains. Where other travellers in the series — Michael Palin, for example — would happily describe rail travel as a love affair, they mean they get excited about engines and rolling stock. Lisa St Aubin de Teran means surrender, and possibly a dating process.

Her journey, however, west from the coast of Brazil to a point in Bolivia where the track runs out, had few charms for those not dotty about trains. Most of the cities were dangerous, corrupt; possibly not the sort of place to go in a white frock unless protected by a TV crew. The most interesting personal encounter, off track, was with a sweaty hard-working man who bred crocodiles for foreign handbags; he showed her the big eggs packed in hot straw, the slithery babies, the placid young, and the interesting stuffed heads he sells as souvenirs.

One's only regret was that she did not sample the meat, sold locally. One gets so damn few opportunities in life to say, "Give me a crocodile sandwich and make it snappy", that it seems a terrible shame to waste one.

LYNNE TRUSS

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DANCE: Irek Mukhamedov at Sadler's Wells

Bland, familiar Othello

IT IS not entirely Irek Mukhamedov's fault that his programme at Sadler's Wells has the ad hoc bittiness you normally associate with divertissement galas. Had his Royal Ballet colleagues been available as expected, perhaps the enterprise would seem less of a rummage around. As it is, in his search for opportunities and roles, he has been forced to cull dancers and choreography from all kinds of unexpected quarters.

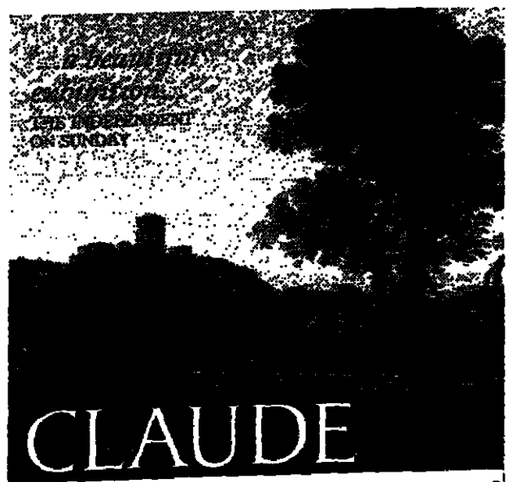
Kim Brandstrup's new *Othello*, which made up the evening's first half, had always been on the cards, however. I realise that there are those who do not find Brandstrup's work retrograde, predictable, unmusical, vapid and bland — but I am not one of them. Brandstrup pieces strike me as interchangeable; and *Othello* brings in familiar Brandstrup collaborators. There are Craig Givens's attractive designs in soft, rich colours; Tina MacHugh's shadowy lighting; and Ian Dearden's abysmal taped score, surging resonantly forward like a musical stream of consciousness.

Brandstrup's recent assertion that he does not tell stories seems baffling, since he does nothing but — and this time rather more clearly than before. Mukhamedov and Brandstrup's own Arc Dance Company pace, prowl and gesture in a distillation of Shakespeare, with metaphors and devices introduced to convey meaning: a masked court dance illustrates Iago's mischief-making words; a hand-mirror signals duplicity. Othello's opening love duet with Desdemona (Leesa Phillips) is full of frozen moments, like enraptured pauses; Iago (Daniel Belton) turns slippery somersaults and with the circles of his arms casts Othello under his spell. But by then the undemanding, soft-centred modern choreography has slipped into a tedious miasma of reiterated dance images of diminishing interest.

In the programme's second half, Mukhamedov, with his epic Russian style, seemed more at ease in the broad virtuosic brush strokes of Vaganova's *Diana and Actaeon* pas de deux than in the swift pointillism of Balanchine's *Tarantella*. But he and Miyako Yoshida, his partner for both, danced with a smiling élan.

In *Two Dances* Michael Corder has created a duet of lucidly crafted, beautifully eloquent movement for Paul Chalmer and Lesley Collier to music by Poulenc. But the rest of the evening was negligible.

NADINE MEISNER



LONDON

LONDON SINFONIETTA. Oliver Knussen is joined by Rosemary Hardy, Mary King and clarinetist Michael Collins for *Explorations 94*, a showcase of the best of new composers. The enterprising programme includes two world premieres, both written especially for the event by Thomas Adès and Julian Anderson, and no fewer than four first British performances.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) *Tonight, 7.30pm*

LOVE HUMAN, LOVE DIVINE: Derek Jacobi and the chamber choir **Voices** celebrate St Valentine's Day with a candlelit programme of readings from Shakespeare, Donne, Hazlitt, Byron, *Hardy and Wilfred Owen. The music* featured is a suitably wide-ranging choice for the occasion, including new commissions by Howard Goodall and Mark Lawrence. With the school choirs of Eton and Sherborne.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061) *Sunday, 7.30pm.*

MUSIC FOR YOUR VALENTINE: Melt their heart or just leave your cares at the door with the very stylish singer **Stacey Kent**, appearing with Scottish pianist Dave Newton and the tenor sax of Jim Tomlinson. On Monday she shares a bill with **Tina May**.
Jazz at Pizza Express, Dean Street (071-439 8722), tonight from 8pm. **606 Club**, 90 Lots Road, SW10 (071-352 5953), Mon 9.30pm and 12midnight.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by *Kris Anderson*

WAITING FOR GODOT: Beckett set in a desert in the Levant and performed by two Middle East actors. Opening night *for the co-production with Theatre Royal,* Plymouth.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Tonight, 8pm, until Mar 5

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Gerard Murphy plays the aptly named D'Amville, the power-seeking central character in Tourneur's *The Atheist's Tragedy*. Anthony Clark directs only the second revival this century.
Birmingham Rep, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Tue, until March 5.

CARDIFF: An American flavour may be added to **Welsh National Opera's** new staging of Puccini's **Turandot** as the producer is the innovative Christopher Alden and soprano Mary Jane Johnson makes her WNO debut as the cruel princess. Edmund Barham sings Calaf. Patricia Racette (another WNO debutante) as Liu, and John Connell as Timur. Carlo Rizzi conducts.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844). Tomorrow, Tue and Fri, 7.15pm.

EDINBURGH: A welcome chance to listen to the jazz piano wizardy of **Michel Petrucciani**. The programme should include his own compositions mixed with many of the standards and a taste of his inspired improvisation skills.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 8.30pm

WINDSOR: *Peter Knapp's widely* travelled and highly popular **Travelling Opera** has opened its spring tour here with a new production of Verdi's *La Traviata* and *The Magic Flute*, first seen in Manchester last October.
Theatre Royal, Thames Street (0753 853888). *Tonight-next Sat, 8pm*

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Study of Italian Old Master Drawings (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World. The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall women artists (071-887 8008) ... **V&A**: Fabergé (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

■ **AND WOMEN MUST WEEP**: Four short plays by Schnitzler, set in a Viennese boarding-house, newly translated for this enterprising company.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until March 13

□ **APRIL IN PARIS**: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm

◪ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF**: See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill. See review, page 31.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats (in March) Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19

□ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR**: Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm

■ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19

□ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE**: Suave and singing, the musical *satirists pass comment on the social* scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm

◪ **THE LIFE OF GALILEO**: First night of previews for David Hare's new version of Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight, 8pm. Opens Feb 16, until March 31.

◪ **MACHINAL**: Masterly direction and design by Stephen Daldry and Ian MacNeil for Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Tue, 2.15pm

◪ **PERE GORIOT**: A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters. Geoffrey Bevers adapts and directs Balzac's great novel.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Tonight, Sat 7.45pm; mat Sat 4pm. To Mar 12.

◪ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: *Daphne du* Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End starring Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

□ **TRAVESTIES**: Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with *Antony Sher as the aged consul* remembering Lenin, Joyce and Dada in 1917 Zurich. Adrian Noble directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... □ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ◪ **Medea**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ◪ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **Relative Values**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... □ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

ETHAN FROME: Over-polite version of Edith Wharton's grim novel of thwarted love, with Liam Neeson, Patricia Arquette and Joan Allen. Director, John Madden.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway kid finds his soulmate, a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Jim Sheridan's powerful, urgent film *inspired by the Guildford Four stars* Daniel Day-Lewis and Pete Postlethwaite. With Corin Redgrave and Emma Thompson.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** (PG): Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell, *Rebecca De Mornay and Tim Curry.* Stephen Herek directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) *on release across the country*

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): *Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt* version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth, Eric Stoltz.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller from Harold Becker.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Benign, frivolous comedy stars Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ ***MRS DOUBTFIRE*** (12): Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): Stephen Surjik's silly but sweet comedy sequel stars Mike Myers and Dana Carvey.
MGMs Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Empire** (0800 888911) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)



Primal Scream: the Creation Records band who, in their own words, are to music what George Best was to football — young, sexy, dangerous

Label that screams danger

Creation Records specialises in performers dedicated to hedonistic excess — which is why it has all the best bands, says **Caitlin Moran**

These days, you would be more likely to be plunged into a hedonistic whirlpool of sex and drugs and rock and roll working as a dental assistant in Chorley than as a music journalist. (Or sex and *drums* and rock and roll, as Meat Loaf would have it, for which Pussy-Wuuss act of craven cowardice he should be laughed at, every hour on the hour, for the rest of his life.) The number of invitations to bacchanalian flesh-fests I receive perpetually hovers around "absolutely none".

When my mother discovered I was *going to be a music journalist*, she silently handed me a leaflet, detailing the cost of replacing the insides of my corroded nostrils. So far this year, the strongest drug I have taken is a bottle and a half of Nighmurse, imbibed to knock me out when I flew to America to interview A Famous Pop Star.

We spent the interview eating porridge and watching The Cartoon Channel on cable. I had a whale of a time when I lived in Wolverhampton and spent early Friday nights drinking a bottle of Domestos-strength cherry brandy in the kitchen with friends, because we were too poor to prop up the bar at The Raglan.

All a far cry from the late 1970s, when music journalists would have coke biked to their desks just to think about reviewing the Sex Pistols. And the nearest anyone came to a healthy diet was speed for breakfast, speed for dinner, and a bottle and a half of vodka in the evening.

The music industry seems to have *forgotten that being in the music* industry is basically an excuse not to have a proper job; that parties are essential; and lying flat on your back, choking on someone else's vomit, is the ideal way to end a busy day.

Everyone has forgotten, that is, except Alan McGee at Creation Records and his roster of dedicated hedonists. When Primal Scream won the Mercury Award for their 1991 LP *Screamadelica* they sent a biker on stage *to collect the cheque* and prize: the band then went on to lose the cheque within 20 minutes, and hold a party that lasted two and a half days. They then issued a press release that stated: "Primal Scream are to music what George Best was to football — young, sexy and dangerous. They deserved to win this prize." There are various colourful rumours as to what the reissued cheque was spent on. Primal Scream are, as you may have guessed, a Creation band.



The label began with the profoundly Scottish McGee as president of the embryonic Creation barely out of his teens and sitting up all night putting *the Jesus and Mary Chain's debut* singles into sleeves. He was fuelled, as he freely admits, by a) an intense love of music which hasn't left him yet: and b) huge lines of amphetamine sulphate *the width and breadth of* Tube tracks.

McGee had met the Mary Chain — and indeed other bands he first signed — at the club he ran, The Living Room, in the early 1980s. Funded by a handy £1,000 bank loan, McGee and business partner Rob Green (who McGee decided he wanted to work with when he spotted Green walking along Brighton seafront in a pair of leather trousers: *flared* leather trousers) put out the Mary Chain single in 1984, which *shifted* over 50,000 copies after a legendary riot at one of their gigs. McGee managed the follow-on publicity impeccably; overnight he became the King of Hype. The sound of Malcolm McLaren eating his heart out could be heard on the down wind as far as Hackney.

Ten years later, Creation are organising their tenth birthday bean-feast along the lines of a wedding between Dionysus and Pan. The Albert *Hall is holding* an "undrugged" five-hour gig marathon, with all the Creation stars past and present playing *the* songs we've sniffed, sobbed, smoked and shagged to over the years. *The Boo Radleys* and Teenage Fanclub will saunter on stage and scrub the world shiny and pop-shaped again. Really, Creation have the only bands worth caring about.

"Yeah, *I pretty much agree with* that," McGee says. We are in a café down the road from the BBC, and McGee is twinkling and charming and doing all the things that one of the coolest people in the music industry shouldn't by the law of averages be doing. He is even *paying* for the *drinks*.

"If you look back at the stuff we've released, Primal Scream's *Screamadelica*, the Teenage Fanclub's *Bandwagonesque*, the Boo Radleys' *Giant Steps*, My Bloody Valentine's entire back-catalogue: House of Love, Jesus and Mary Chain, Felt, Ride — it is looking pretty good, isn't it?"

And now McGee has just signed Oasis — a band so hot you could toast currant buns on *their skinny backs. If* McGee is interested in the band, this means things will happen. So sure are his talent-spotting powers that when U2's record company, Mother, found *out* McGee wanted to sign Oasis, they rang up the day before contracts were scrawled on and offered *double* what McGee had on the table.

Since a Creation deal is worth its weight in plutonium in cred and cool, Oasis refused. The single is out in April. It is brilliant. Naturally. But hedonism, we want more hedonism. McGee's mission is to save rock 'n' roll from the morass of normality it has fallen into. Tell us more...

"Well, see, I have *started* up the label as an excuse to drink lots and meet women, and that was the philosophy behind it. That is why Primal Scream fit on to the label *so well — I have never* met anyone who can drink as well as the Scream.

"Throbert from the band spends his entire life on another planet. He was *stabbed in America* and *didn't realise* until four days later. There were stains on his clothes and Bobby Gillespie noticed: he was like: 'You've been stabbed man'. Throbert said: 'Oh yes, *so I have been*'."

McGee sips at his coffee, and stares out of the window for a minute. "We are having a party next week. Do you want to come?"

Hell, yes. The light of the table dims slightly, as the spirit of Keith Moon flies overhead.

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Has Europop found its voice?

Paul Sexton talks to singer Haddaway, seeking success from the Urals to the Cotswolds



PETER TRIEVNOR

"I'm a product of this young society," Haddaway says, "but I'm also a product of the Sixties and Seventies. It's good to put everything together in a vegetable soup"

Meet the man who is in danger of giving European pop music a credible face — although having lived in Tobago, Chicago and Cologne before moving into his new home in Monaco, he may be in direct contravention of the *Maastricht treaty*.

Nester Alexander Haddaway has spent two months in the British Top 40 with his ballad "I Miss You", his third Top Ten success here since last summer's global smashes "What is Love" and "Life". *Haddaway — The Album* is close to gold status, with UK sales of 85,000, and a fourth hit is set to be released next month.

The words "Europop" and "longevity" have always seemed magnetically opposed: we cringe collectively at the memory of Vicky Leandros, Baccara, and the lyrical imbecility of Teach-In ("When you're feeling uptight, everything is alright, try to sing a song that goes ding, ding-a-dong"). Haddaway, by contrast, is not only one of the most articulate pop musicians on the circuit, he claims never even to have heard the word Eurovision.

His globe-trotting past — born in the Caribbean, uprooted to near Washington at age nine, and on to Chicago, then by choice to Cologne at 22 — has given him a truly international perspective. He has been influenced by the songcraft of the Eagles, the funk of Cameo, and the raunch of the Rolling Stones; Haddaway music, he believes, could be the new Esperanto.

"I want to touch *everybody*. I like this cosmopolitan thing. *You* might like Japanese kabuki music, *he* likes funk and soul, and this guy likes heavy metal, but I bet I can get all these people to listen to one song. That's my basic goal."

Haddaway states at regular intervals that he hates to be categorised, but does not deny that his uptempo tracks, with their relentless beats and synth fills, and bite-size international titles such as "Come Back" and "Yeah", could only be the product of one continent. "I'm not trying to pump anybody up, but Europe is growing faster than any other area right now. The community's getting larger. I'm a product of this young society, but I'm also a product of the Sixties and Seventies and I love that era. It's good to put everything together in a vegetable soup."

Haddaway — The Album is the result of Haddaway's studio association with Cologne-based musician Alex Trime and producers Dee Dee Halligan and Junior Torello, the latter the name on all three hits to date and the next, "Rick My Heart". But the star at centre stage is more than simply a voice; Haddaway has four writing credits on the album, including its most mature piece, "Mama's House", and takes pleasure in demonstrating a detailed understanding of the various ingredients of that vegetable soup he mentioned.

"When 'What is Love' was started, it was a ballad. I was talking to my buddy Alex, and we said, 'Come on, let's have some fun with this song, it sounds so heart-breaking.' In Europe, you can't make bass kicks on twos and fours: people can't swing with that. So you give the bass guitar or bass keyboard that freedom, but you keep the basic snare and the bass drum straight, so you can pull funky people with the bass and you can pull pop fans with the kick. Then you give a melody that everybody can sing." Note to younger readers: do not try this without the help of an adult.

"I was scared that it wouldn't make English standards, because Europop is very much Europe; people would identify a black guy and say 'that's not black music'. But then again I'm a black guy with white and pink and blue and green parents. I don't want to be thrown into that categorisation."

Now Haddaway is very much the urbane pop ambassador, a persona he has spent many years constructing. "I made a decision long ago that drugs and loud talking and all that stuff weren't for me. I made lots of mistakes, but everybody in their life has got a little dirt."

A Caribbean-American-German as a representative of the new Europop. Has the United Nations been told about this chap?

● *Haddaway's next single, a re-recorded version of "Rock My Heart", will be released on March 21.* Haddaway — The Album *is available on Logic/Arista Records*

NEW WAVES

Your guide to the sounds of tomorrow

Call it confidence or call it arrogance, but naming yourselves **Future Sound Of London** has to be admired as an act of will. After all, in our bleaker moments, most of us imagine the future sound of the capital as a nightmare of car horns, police sirens and collapsing aspirations.

FSOL, as they tend to be abbreviated, have sunnier dispositions. The resolve of this oddly matched but highly creative duo is apparent from their forthcoming single and its predecessor. At an epic length of 30 minutes, "Cascade" proved that big is beautiful by reaching number 27 in last year's charts. "Lifeforms", released in March, will only just dip under an already generous 40-minute time limit for singles, yet Radio 1's new controller, Matthew Bannister, has already registered public enthusiasm for FSOL.

Look forward, then, to the sound of builders and house painters valiantly whistling along to the episodic structure and alien atmospheres of "Lifeforms". Weaving and soaring through the urgent rhythms, the yelping and buzzing, the scraping violin samples and lush piano arpeggios, Cocteau Twins vocalist Liz Fraser wails like a Bulgarian potato seller.

This is heady stuff for daytime radio, but only a glimpse of the Future Sound Of London universe. In April, this will be fully revealed through a double album, also entitled *Lifeforms*. As their singles prove, FSOL are masters of sound manipulation and each section of the album is a mini-masterpiece of its genre. Having said this, defining the genre is no picnic. Introducing the band on his *Essential Mix* show in December, Radio 1 DJ Pete Tong advised his listeners to prepare themselves for a "weird and wonderful trip". The advice is sound.

DAVID TOOP

Pushing back country's horizons

NEW ALBUMS: From sultry growl to soaring soprano, Wynonna's second offering proves her solo worth

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IS WYNONNA the most soulful female vocalist in America today? Dedicated followers of Aretha or Whitney or Diana would be aghast at the very idea of a country singer being discussed in such terms, while fans of Bonnie Raitt, although more understanding, would doubtless also beg to differ. Even so, there are moments listening to Wynonna's albums when comparisons with the best performers of any genre seem more than justified.

Still only 29, she has both time and experience on her side thanks to her six-year spell alongside her mother in the much garlanded duo the Judds. And while any number of her Nashville contemporaries have injected a little rock 'n' roll punch into their music, few have had the confidence to branch out as comprehensively or convincingly as she has. Indeed, if there is one album which exemplifies how far the horizons of country music have expanded in recent years, it is Wynonna's second solo collection, *Tell Me Why*.

Already a million-seller in America, the album opens with the sad but jaunty title track, written by Karla Bonoff, then winds its way through the positive-thinking funk of "Rock Bottom", the Bo Diddley beat of Sheryl Crow's "Father Sun" and Billy Kirsch's syrupy ballad "Is It Over Yet", before arriving at Mary-Chapin Carpenter's amusingly combative "Girls With Guitars". Here the rock references are laid on thick and fast with jokey instrumental quotes from Cream's "Sunshine Of Your Love" and even Deep Purple's "Smoke On The Water".



Wynonna: you can take the girl out of country, but . . .

The album ends with a smouldering slow blues written by Naomi Judd, called "That Was Yesterday". Here Wynonna delivers the rejection note lyric with haughty contempt before turning guitarist Steuart Smith loose on a glorious solo.

But no matter how far out she ventures the old maxim holds: you can take the girl out of country, but you can't take country out of the girl. Her bewitching voice, which can rise from a sultry growl to a soaring soprano at the drop of a stetson, always stays true to its Kentucky origins.

Also re-issued this week is the singer's debut album, *Wynonna*, which was originally released here in 1992, but deleted soon afterwards. Although less varied, it has the same vitality as *Tell Me Why*, and proved an even bigger success in America.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
NME Singles Of The Week 1993
(RCA/BMG 74321 187012)
HAVING arrested a long period of declining sales and dwindling relevance, the music papers at the nursery end of pop have reasserted themselves, and begun once again to take a hand in shaping the agenda in the real world.

Melody Maker is now the place to look for news of the emergent wave of acts at the techno-rock interface, while there can be little doubt that the introduction of the Brat Awards by the *New Musical Express* has promoted an exciting batch of new talent and exerted a benign influence on this year's nominations for the Brits.

Accordingly, this selection of 18 songs, all of which received the accolade Single Of The Week in *NME* at some point during 1993, is a more engaging proposition than previous collections, even allowing for the cheapskate artwork and some of the less enlightening hyperbole which accompanies it.

The best tracks are Arrested Development's "Tennessee", Grant Lee Buffalo's "America Snoring" and Smashing Pumpkins' "Cherub Rock" (described as "a gripping spurt of screwed-down melody, dipping and twisting astonishingly without losing any of the concussive pressure of the nuclear-sludge-attack guitars").

There are lots of others worth having — One Dove's "White Love", Credit To The Nation's Nirvana rip-off "Call It What You Want" and Elastica's (very) limited edition debut "Stutter" — while the discipline imposed by the single format means that even dodgier acts like Tindersticks and Spiritualized are heard here at their most focused.

BITTY MCLEAN
Just To Let You Know . . .
(Brilliant BRIL 1)
THEY say timing is half the battle, and Bitty McLean's is clearly better than most. Having enjoyed a substantial hit with "It Keeps Rainin' " at the height of last summer's reggae renaissance, the 21-year-old singer now releases his debut album within a week of *Billboard* magazine inaugurating a reggae album chart in recognition of "the sheer volume and range of reggae titles on the main album and singles charts".

After attending a YTS sound recording and media course at Birmingham's Sandwell College, McLean became a protégé of UB40, who recruited him as a tape operator. He eventually co-produced and sang backing vocals on their current album, *Promises & Lies*, which emerged, unsurprisingly, as the first album to top the new reggae chart.

The connection is more than skin deep and McLean's music is very much in the smooth, suave vein of UB40's classic material, right down to the shrewd choice of cover versions like the Mamas And Papas' "Dedicated To The One I Love", Ken Parker's "True True True" and, of course, "It Keeps Rainin' ", an old Fats Domino tune.

McLean has a pleasing, nimble voice and there is a light, friendly feel to the album as a whole. In this regard he is swimming against the current tide of ragga stars, who talk first and worry about tunes later, if at all. Even Chaka Demus & Pliers sound rough and rootsy by comparison, and although the album confirms McLean's pop credentials it may be that he is a little too bland to stay the course, once the current fashionable interest in reggae drops away.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	The Cross of Changes	Enigma (Virgin)
2	Under the Pink	Tori Amos (East West)
3	In Pieces	Garth Brooks (Liberty)
4	Tease Me	Chaka Demus and Pliers (Mango)
5	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
6	Troublegum	Therapy? (A&M)
7	One Woman — The Ultimate Collection	Diana Ross (EMI)
8	So Far So Good	Bryan Adams (A&M)
9	Elegant Slumming	M People (deConstruction)
10	Brave	Marillion (EMI)

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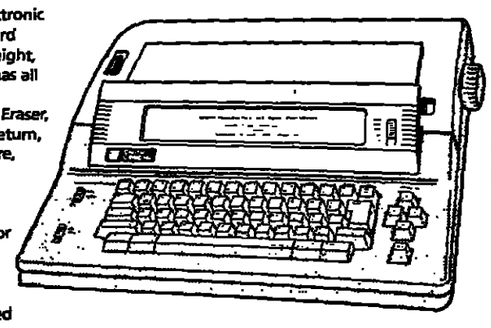
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CLUBS: **Louise Gray** braves a monster drag night in Soho

XXXX-rated Australian

Smashing Live
Madame Jo Jo's, W1

Resplendent in a red, figure-hugging flapper frock, a matching tea cosy atop an auburn wig, Matthew Glamorre swept across Madame Jo Jo's stage with an elegant flourish. Three hundred faces, still wide-eyed and startled after the excesses of the Sheila Tequila puppet show and Sexton Ming's transvestite garage band, stared upwards. A spectacle worthy of a whole chapter in Krafft-Ebing's *Psychopathia Sexualis* was about to unfold. "Ladies and gentlemen!" Glamorre declaimed in a stentorian voice, "the *very alarming* Mr Leigh Bowery!"

Bowery, one of Australia's more unusual exports, is a designer and performance artist who recently achieved a wider fame when Lucien Freud painted him for a triptych. In both height and circumference, Bowery is as vast as he is unfailingly alarming. And in his latest incarnation as a hausfrau from hell who fronts a band called Minty and gives birth, live on stage, to a naked woman and a string of sausages during the course of Bowery's "Ashes To Ashes", he throws alarm bells into perpetual motion.

Certainly Madame Jo Jo's, one of Soho's best known transvestite clubs, has been host to some strange sights, and Smashing's Monsters of Drag night must rank high among them. Smashing is the wildly fashionable anti-fashion club which celebrates oddity above all else and its organisers — master of ceremonies Glamorre with Adrian X, DJs Martin Greene and Michael Murphy — tap their own individual styles to create its ferocious energy. *Tableau vivant* artist David Cabaret had dressed in a City suit and full Marilyn Monroe make-up to achieve his "lesbian *femme fatale*" look. Impresario Philip Salon favoured a Napoleon in bondage guise. Dressing down meant a fairy-like bouffant and a pair of old fishners.

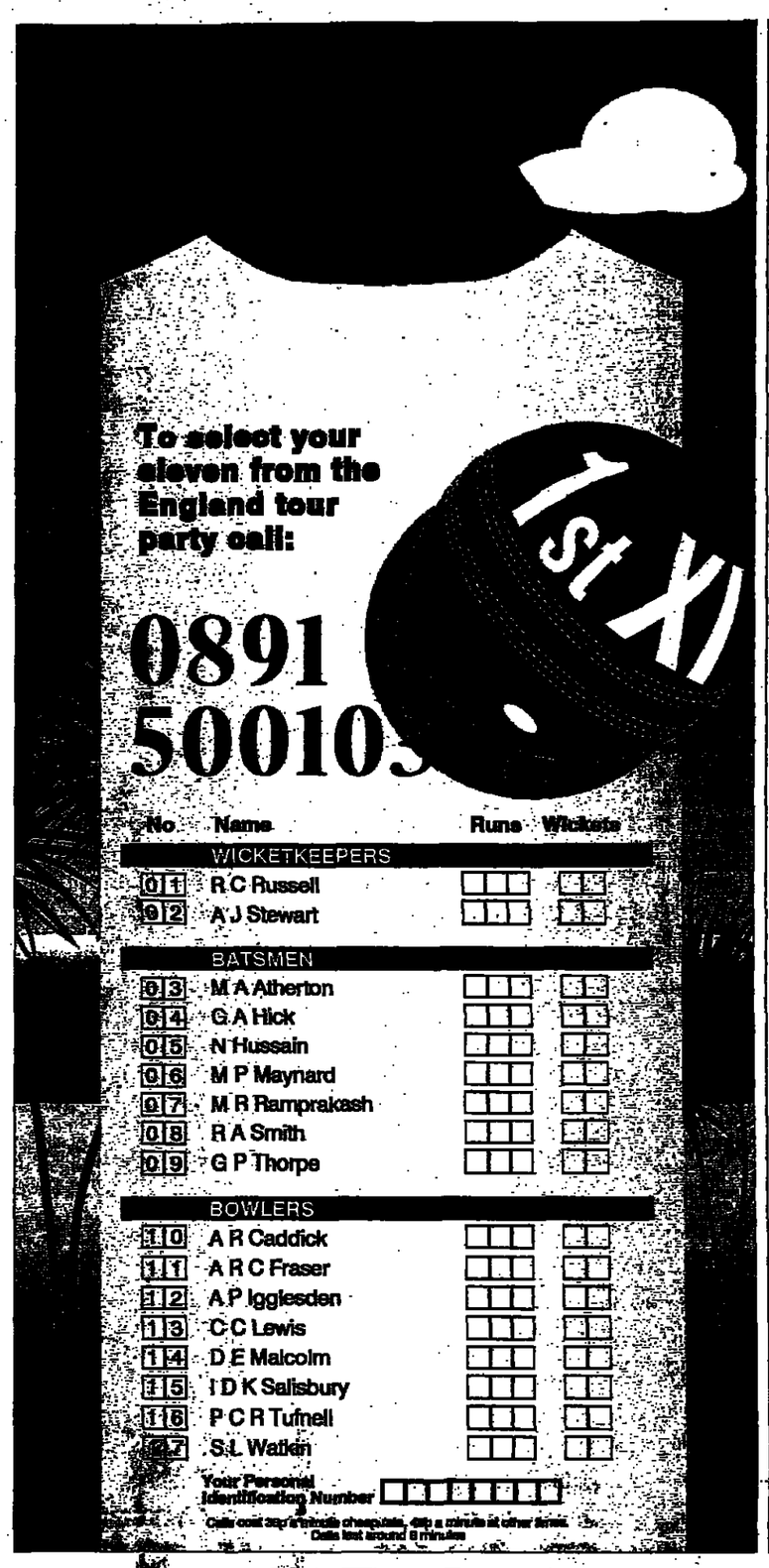
Unsurprisingly, hordes of clubland courtiers, paparazzi and large men in frocks fought for admittance to Smashing's monthly live showcase with indecorous enthusiasm. Inside, there was plenty for the voyeurs, although music enthusiasts would have been disappointed. Ming and the two-man Diamond Gussets were accurately introduced by Glamorre as "the horrors on high heels". Their protopunk was as rough as their stubble and laddered tights, and far distant from Bowery's own transgressive territory. The Australian's dénouement — involving a simulated sex act with a giant yellow canary — had the audience's collective jaw hanging. In the nervous applause that followed a long silence, it was clear that he had achieved some purpose. Its significance is an entirely different matter.

Win a trip to the Melbourne Test

Name your side to triumph in the West Indies

NO CRICKETING environment is more testing than the West Indies. A long line of fearsome fast bowlers has prevented any touring team from winning a series there for 21 years. Michael Atherton is the latest England captain to try to end that record but he is leading an inexperienced England team. Who will flourish and who will flounder?

In *The Times* 1st XI game, you can pick the team you would like to see and measure its performance against the players' real statistics which will be published after every international match in *The Times*. The game should add to the excitement of a memorable series. And for those who prove the best at 1st XI cricket, there will be some memorable prizes, including the trip of a lifetime to see England play Australia in the Christmas Test at Melbourne.



The aim of the game: Readers are invited to pick their England cricket XI from the party in the West Indies and estimate the players' individual performances in the five one-day internationals and five Test matches of the tour. The winner of the game will be the person whose predictions are closest to the actual performances of his or her selected eleven players in all ten matches.

The prize: Win the trip of a lifetime for yourself and three family members or friends to see the Christmas Test match between Australia and England, which begins in Melbourne on December 24. We will provide flights, hotel accommodation for two weeks in Melbourne and tickets to each day of the Test match.

Twenty runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to one of England's six Test matches against New Zealand and South Africa this summer. Full details of this prize will appear shortly in *The Times*.

What to do: Simply study the 17 names of the England tour party printed on the 1st XI bat. Then select your XI, bearing in mind that you must pick six from the batsman category and four from the bowler category. You must also pick one of the wicketkeepers, Stewart or Russell, and designate him as wicketkeeper. Whichever of these two players you do not choose as your wicketkeeper, you may nominate as one of your six batsmen.

When you telephone your entry, **you will be asked for your wicketkeeper selection first.** You may not pick any player twice.

For each of your eleven players, you will be asked to give your predictions of the total number of runs they will make in the international matches (five Test matches and five one-day internationals, which allows a maximum of 15 innings), and then the total number of wickets they will take.

In the case of the designated wicketkeeper, catches and stumpings will count as wickets. When you call *The Times* 1st XI number, you will be asked to express each selection numerically. For example, if you have selected Alec Stewart as your wicketkeeper, and are predicting that he will score 350 runs and take 25 wickets, your entry would read:

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Throughout the period of international matches, *The Times* will print the running totals of all 17 players. After April 21, the last day of the fifth Test, the final totals of each player will be compared to readers' individual selections.

The difference between predicted totals for each player in each category and their actual totals will be measured in points: one point for each run, and 20 points for each wicket, regardless of whether you have underestimated or overestimated. Three examples of how predictions would be measured are given below. The winner will be the reader with the fewest points.

No allowance can be made if a player is injured or sent home for any reason, nor for loss of play due to weather conditions or any other external factors. Readers should bear these points in mind when making selections. No substitutions will be allowed.

The closing date for telephone entries is noon on Wednesday, February 16, the day of the opening one-day international in Barbados.

You can enter as many times as you like, but each entry requires a separate telephone call. You can enter on your own, with your family (up to a maximum of four people) or a joint team (maximum of four) with your friends, **but all callers must be aged 18 or over.**

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone.

Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 103.** The lines are open now. Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions on the line. Listen carefully and take your time.

The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference number, number of runs, number of wickets) for each of your 11 chosen players in turn, starting with the designated wicketkeeper.

You will then be asked to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will need this if you are a winner. If you cannot get through, please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* 1st XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

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Mar 6: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad)
Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana)
Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad)
Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados)
Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)

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2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, February 16, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The lines are open now.

3. Only players published in The Times 1st XI list will be accepted as entries into the 1st XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into.

4. The 11 players selected must be drawn from the 17 in the published list. Six must be drawn from those designated as batsmen, four from the bowlers. One must be drawn from the wicketkeeper category although either Stewart or Russell may also be selected as a batsman if not picked as wicketkeeper. No player may be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. Offer is open to readers over the age of 16.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the lowest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break.

In the first instance of a tie, the entrant whose selected eleven made the most appearances in the ten matches would be adjudged the winner. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times 1st XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times.

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HOW PREDICTIONS ARE MEASURED



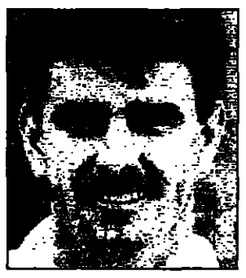
Player: Jack Russell (wicketkeeper)

Predicted runs	350
Actual runs	275
Difference	75
Points (75 x 1)	75
Predicted wickets (ct and st)	25
Actual wickets	22
Difference	3
Points (3 x 20)	60
TOTAL POINTS (75 + 60)	135



Player: Michael Atherton (batsman)

Predicted runs	460
Actual runs	265
Difference	195
Points (195 x 1)	195
Predicted wickets	0
Actual wickets	0
Difference	0
Points	0
TOTAL POINTS (195 + 0)	195



Player: Alan Igglesden (bowler)

Predicted runs	28
Actual runs	81
Difference	53
Points (53 x 1)	53
Predicted wickets	12
Actual wickets	9
Difference	3
Points (3 x 20)	60
TOTAL POINTS (53 + 60)	113

India near to series whitewash thanks to Azharuddin

MOHAMMAD Azharuddin, the India cricket captain, followed his superb innings of 152 with two brilliant catches in Ahmedabad yesterday to push Sri Lanka towards almost certain defeat in the third Test. At the close of the third day Sri Lanka, already 2-0 down in the three-match series, had reached 154 for five in their second innings. They require another 85 runs to make India bat again.

Azharuddin clung on to difficult chances at silly point at either end of the pitch to dismiss Aravinda de Silva and Hashan Tillekeratne at a time when both were playing well. Sri Lanka had been mounting a gutsy fightback after beginning their second innings 239 in arrears.

But the dismissals of de Silva, Tillekeratne and Maravan Attapattu in 17 deliveries saw them crumble from 149 for two to 153 for five. Sri Lanka showed a defiant spirit and kept the spinners at bay for the first time in the match before losing the initiative in a decisive 30-minute spell.

De Silva and Tillekeratne were building on the foundation of Roshan Mahanama, the opener who scored 63, when Azharuddin turned the match in India's favour. De Silva had played cautiously, which is out of character for him. He helped Tillekeratne put on 51 for the third wicket in almost two hours when Azharuddin struck. He dived to his right to take a catch inches from the ground as Tillekeratne, on 40, fended off a delivery from Venkatapathy Raju, the left-arm spinner.

At the other end, Rajesh Chauhan bowled a vicious off-break that forced de Silva into giving Azharuddin another chance to show his agility. He again dived to his right to take the catch. Sri Lanka's misery was complete when Chauhan dismissed Attapattu again for a duck.

Earlier, Azharuddin had taken his overnight 134* to 152 as India, resuming at 329 for eight, added a further 29 runs. He batted for six hours, faced 260 balls and hit 16 fours and one six. Murlitharan terminated India's innings by bowling Chauhan for nine.

At the close, Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, looked steady. He finished on a score of five while Kalpage has yet to score.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 119 (S L V Raju 5-39).

Second Innings

R S Mahanama lbw b Raju	63
D P S Samaraweera run out	20
H P Tillekeratne c Azharuddin b Raju	40
P A de Silva c Azharuddin b Chauhan	14
*A Ranatunga not out	5
M S Attapattu c Mongia b Chauhan	0
R S Kalpage not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 1)	12
Total (5 wkts)	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-98, 3-149, 4-149, 5-153.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 5-2-11-0; Kapil Dev 5-1-12-0; Raju 22-6-43-2; Kumble 28-8-40-0; Chauhan 21-9-30-2; Tendulkar 4-1-7-0.

INDIA: First Innings

M Prabhakar b Anurasiri	14
N S Sidhu c Kalpage b Muralitharan	43
V G Kambli c Ranatunga b Wickremasinghe	57
S R Tendulkar b Wickremasinghe	6
*M Azharuddin b Muralitharan	152
S V Manjrekar c Ranatunga b de Silva	16
Kapil Dev lbw b de Silva	4
†N Mongia lbw b Anurasiri	14
A R Kumble c Kalpage b de Silva	15
R S Chauhan b Muralitharan	9
S L V Raju not out	1
Extras (b 17, lb 5, nb 5)	27
Total	358

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-110, 3-123, 4-123, 5-169, 6-203, 7-249, 8-288, 9-356.

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 38-9-109-2; Ranatunga 8-1-15-0; Anurasiri 28-3-75-2; Muralitharan 38.3-6-79-3; Kalpage 7-2-9-0; de Silva 23-5-50-3.

Pakistan's control weakened in tense final hour

NEW Zealand, dismissed for 242 on the opening day of the first Test in Auckland, hit back strongly in the last hour, capturing four Pakistan wickets for 61 to leave the match nicely balanced.

Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram, who both reached career landmarks, and the leg spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed, shared the New Zealand wickets on a well-grassed pitch which gave ample assistance to the quicker bowlers.

After Salim Malik had won the toss and invited New Zealand to bat, Wasim had Blair Pocock caught behind before he had scored. But despite some hostile bowling, Bryan Young and Andrew Jones had carried New Zealand to 67 for one at lunch.

But Younis had Young caught behind — one of wicketkeeper Rashid Latif's four victims — from the first ball after the interval and soon afterwards Ken Rutherford dragged a ball from Younis on to his stumps — the fast bowler's 150th Test match wicket.

Mark Greatbatch immediately counter-attacked, hitting 48 from 34 balls, including eight fours and a six, before becoming overenthusiastic against Mushtaq and being caught from a mishit which ended a partnership of 75 in 58 balls with Jones, which had hurried the score along to 170.

The rot set in after Greatbatch's dismissal, Jones being given out caught behind by the umpire, Harold Bird, after scoring a dogged 66, his ninth Test half-century to go with his seven centuries.

Tony Blain became the 200th player to be dismissed by Wasim in Tests when he was caught by Mushtaq for 26, having offered the last serious resistance to the bowlers. Younis finished with four for 46, Akram three for 50 and Mushtaq three for 79.

Pakistan were soon in trouble. Saeed Anwar, a heavy scorer in the early tour games, made only 16 before falling to Cairns with the aid of the wicketkeeper, Blain, who also accounted for Asif Mujtaba.

Jones snapped up a sharp chance in the gully to send back Aamir Sohail for 16 and with Mushtaq, the night-watchman, failing to fulfil his function, it was left to Salim Malik and Basit Ali to see out a day which ended with Pakistan 181 in arrears.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Young c Rashid b Waqar	29
B A Pocock c Rashid b Wasim	0
A H Jones c Rashid b Mushtaq	66
*K R Rutherford b Waqar	14
M J Greatbatch c Salim b Mushtaq	48
S A Thomson c Rashid b Waqar	29
C L Cairns c Salim b Mushtaq	6
†T E Blain c Mushtaq b Wasim	26
S B Doull c and b Waqar	0
R P de Groen c Mushtaq b Wasim	2
M B Owens not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 7, w 1)	20
Total	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-67, 3-95, 4-170, 5-175, 6-185, 7-228, 8-228, 9-233.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22.3-9-50-3, Waqar Younis 15-2-46-4; Ata-ur-Rehman 14-3-55-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 17-1-79-3.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar c Blain b Cairns	16
Aamir Sohail c Jones b de Groen	16
Asif Mujtaba c Blain b Doull	8
Mushtaq Ahmed c Young b Doull	0
*Salim Malik not out	5
Basit Ali not out	8
Extras (b 5, nb 3)	8
Total (4 wkts)	61

Wasim Akram, †Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed and Ata-ur-Rehman to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-35, 3-48, 4-50.

BOWLING: Cairns 6-1-24-1; Owens 4-1-11-0; Doull 3-0-16-2; de Groen 2-0-5-1.



ATHLETICS

GHENT: Indoor meeting: Selected results: 60m A race: 1, A Cason (US) 6.65sec. 60m B race: 1, L Christie (GB) 6.57. 200m: 1, Christie 20.56. 60m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 7.35 (European record)

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 95 Detroit 102; Miami 98 Indiana 102; New Jersey 106 Cleveland 95; Orlando 104 Atlanta 87; Philadelphia 79 New York 114; Charlotte 116 Golden State 128; Phoenix 111 Minnesota 108; Utah 96 LA Lakers 103; Seattle 115 Portland 94; Sacramento 105 LA Clippers 95.

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Manchester Giants 72 (St Kitts 19, Fite 17), Thames Valley Tigers 93 (Cooke 24, Holley 23).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round-robin stage: Group A: Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 87 Real Madrid (Sp) 83, Group B: Panathinaikos (Gr) 79 Caritu (It) 75.

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: Super-middleweight: Darron Griffiths (Rhondda) bt Paul Hitch (Sunderland) pts. World Boxing Council international welterweight championship: Spike Cheney (Aus) tk Gary Logan (Britain), rtd 10th rnd. Heavy: James Oyebola (Paddington) bt Ladislao Mijangos (Mexico), rsc 2nd rnd. Light-welter: Mark Gibbs (West Ham) bt Kevin Toomey (Hull), rsc 4th rnd. Cruiser: Paul Lawson (Bothnal Green) bt Nicky Wadman (Brighton), rsc 1st rnd.

BRENTWOOD: Lightweight: Bobby Guynan (East Ham) bt Mark Antony (Doncaster) disq 5th. Welter: Ojay Abrahams (Watford) bt Vince Rose (Tottenham) pts. Super-feather: Karl Taylor (Birmingham) bt Alan Levene (Liverpool) rsc 2nd rnd. Light-welter: Paul Knights (Redhill) bt Mark Allen (Doncaster) rsc 2nd rnd. Super-middle: Darron Griffiths (Rhondda) bt Paul Hitch (Sunderland) pts. Middle: Steve Collins (Dublin) bt Paul Wesley (Birmingham) pts. World Boxing Organisation middleweight championship: Chris Pyatt (Leicester, holder) ko Mark Cameron (SA) 1st rnd.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Queensland 275-9 (G Foley 52) v Tasmania.

CYCLING

PIERREFEU, France: Tour of Mediterranean: fourth stage (100km): 1, D Cassani (It) 2hr 13mn 17sec; 2, F Baldato (It) same time; 3, J Museeuw (Bel) at 3 sec. Other result: 70, C Boardman (GB) 3:58.

DOS HERMANAS, Spain: Ruta del Sol event: Second stage (173.1km): 1, A Baffi (It) 5hr 8min 49sec; 2, M Wust (Ger); 3, M de Clercq (Bel) all same time. Overall positions: 1, Baffi 8hr 20min 35sec; 2, A Edo (Sp); 3, J Svorada (Cz Rep) all same time.

FOOTBALL

FA OF IRELAND CUP: First round: Home Farm 2 Athlone Town 1. Waterford Utd 0 Cobh Ramblers 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseilles 5 Toulouse 1; Lille 1 AS Monaco 1; Strasbourg 0 Nantes 3; Auxerre 3 Martigues 0; Montpellier 0 Paris Saint-Germain 0; Lyons 1 Lens 2; Metz 1 Bordeaux 0; Sochaux 3 St Etienne 2, Angers 1 Cannes 1.

Late Wednesday results

FA CUP: Fourth round: Stockport 0 Bristol City 4. Fourth round replays: Arsenal 1 Bolton 3 (aet; score after 90 minutes 1-1); Barnsley 1 Plymouth 0; Leeds 2 Oxford United 3 (aet; score after 90 minutes 2-2), Luton 2 Newcastle 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1 Chelsea 3 (aet; score after 90 minutes 1-1); Stoke 0 Oldham 1, West Ham 1 Notts County 0 (aet; score after 90 minutes 0-0).

SCOTTISH CUP: Third round replay: Dundee 2 Clydebank 1.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Ebbw Vale 1 Cardiff 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Aston Villa 1 West Ham United 2; Coventry City 0 Norwich City 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 0 Derby 3; Leicester 3 Manchester United 1; Nottingham Forest 2 Wolverhampton 3; Sunderland 0 Sheffield United 4, Postponed: Bolton v Newcastle. Second division: Blackpool 2 Oldham 1; Burnley 1 Grimsby 0; Hull 0 Manchester City 1; Port Vale 2 Huddersfield 2; Tranmere 6 Bradford 2; West Brom 2 Mansfield 0. Postponed: Middlesbrough v Scunthorpe.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 4 Charlton 0; Swindon 1 Portsmouth 0; Wimbledon 0 Tottenham 0. Postponed: Brighton v Luton. League Cup: Hereford 3 Cheltenham 3.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 2 Stalybridge 2; Solihull 0 Atherstone 2. Midland division: Evesham Utd 0 Weston-Super-Mare 2; VS Rugby 1 Forest Green Rovers 1; Yate Town 0 Newport AFC 1. Southern division: Tonbridge AFC 2 Canterbury City 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot 1 Maine Road 2. Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Nantwich Town 2 Chadderton 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham Town Rangers 2 Halstead Town 2.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replays: Cherry Orchard 1 Bray Wanderers 2 (aet); Shamrock Rovers 2 Bohemians 2 (aet)

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Langley Park 3 Cranbrook 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 4 New York Rangers 3; Dallas 4 Winnipeg 2; Edmonton 1 Calgary 6; Los Angeles 4 Chicago 2.

GOTHENBURG: International match: Sweden 2 United States 2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British Open Championships: Quarter-finals: T Cockroft bt P Brake 7-15, 17-14, 8-15, 15-10, 15-8; W Boone bt J Spurling 15-2, 13-15, 15-3, 15-4; N Smith bt R Hanmen 15-8, 15-4, 15-4.

RUGBY UNION

ENGLAND A (to play Ireland A at Richmond, Feb 18): Backs: P Hull (Bristol), A Adebayo (Bath), N Beal (Northampton), P Holford (Gloucester), D Hopley (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), P Challinor (Harlequins), P Grayson (Northampton), M Dawson (Northampton), A Kardooni (Leicester). Forwards: C Clark (Bath), K Dunn (Wasps), R Cockerill (Leicester), A Mullins (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), R West (Gloucester), A Blackmore (Bristol), D Ryan (Wasps), C Sheasby (Harlequins), R Jenkins (London Irish), A Diprose (Saracens), D Eves (Bristol).

IRELAND A: J Staples (London Irish); T Howe (Dungannon), B Walsh (Cork Constitution), M McCall (Bangor), N Woods (Blackrock College); D Humphreys (Queen's Univ), A Rolland (Blackrock College); P Soden (Cork Constitution), J McDonald (Malone), A N Other, P Hogan (Garryowen), J Etheridge (Blackrock College), D Tweed (Ballymena), K McKee (Instonians), R Wilson (Instonians). Replacements: K Murphy (Cork Constitution), M Ridge (Blackrock College), N Hogan (Terenure College), V Costello (St Mary's College), A N Other, W Moriarty (Shannon). CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University 22 Army 17; Bridgend 25 Maesteg 20; Llanharan 13 Oakdale 0; Swansea 69 Ebbw Vale 13; Civil Service 28 Royal Navy 13.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: Sheffield Hallam 16 Loughborough 8.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Middlesex clubs 23 RAF 16.

SNOOKER

WEMBLEY: Benson and Hedges Masters: Second round: D Taylor (N Ire) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-0; K Doherty (Ire) bt J White (Eng) 5-0

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Second round: S Cacic (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; L Davenport (US) bt A Frazier (US) 6-3, 7-6; L McNeil (US) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Wendel (US) 6-4, 6-4; M Navratilova (US) bt A Keller (US) 6-2, 6-4.

SUNDERLAND: LTA women's satellite tournament, quarter-finals: G Coorengel (Holl) bt A-S Biltighoffer (Fr) 6-2, 2-6, 6-0; S Schmidle (Ger) bt C Stassen (Holl) 6-4, 6-3; A Frankeri (Ger) bt S Attili (It) 6-2, 6-2; M Maruska (Austria) bt E Bond (Glos) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

MEMPHIS: Men's indoor tournament: Second round: J Courier (US) bt K Carlsen (Den) 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt S Bryan (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-1, 6-1; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 6-3, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt D Nainkin 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; J Stark (US) bt D Flach (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-0; C Adams (US) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; A O'Brien (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 7-6, 6-0; K Braasch (Ger) bt B MacPhie (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt J Palmer (US) 6-3, 6-4; D Randall (US) bt D Ellit (Cz) 1-6, 6-0, 6-1.

MILAN: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt P Cane (It) 6-4, 6-3. Second round: P Korda (Cz) bt T Hogstedt (Swe) 7-5, 6-2; : W Masur (Aus) bt N Kulti (Swe) 6-3, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-4, 6-4.

LINZ, Austria: Women's tournament: First round: B Schett (Austria) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; J Makarova (Russ) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; S Appelmans (Bel) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-0, 4-6, 6-4. Second round: J Manjikolova (Russ) bt E Martinova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; M Babel (Ger) bt K Busche (Austria) 6-1, 6-0; B Schett (Austria) bt T Krizan (Slovenia) 6-2, 6-3.

OSAKA, Japan: Asia women's Open: Second round: M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 6-1, 6-2; Y Kanno (Japan) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-4, 6-3; M Endo (Japan) bt A Henrikkson (US) 6-0, 6-1; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt M Zvec-Skuli (Ger) 6-0, 6-0; K Boogert (Holl) bt E Smylie (Aus) 6-3, 6-0; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt Li Fang (China) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; I Majoli (Croatia) bt C Barkoum (Holl) 6-3, 6-1; P Sung-Hee (S Kor) bt Y Yoshida (Japan) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: ATP men's tournament: Second round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 6-3, 6-4; A O'Brien (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 7-6, 6-0; T Martin (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt S Bryan (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

YACHTING

EUROPA ROUND THE WORLD RALLY: Second leg (Las Palmas to St Lucia): First division: 1, Serenity II (US) 0.75pts; 2, Stampede (GB) 2.0; 3, Tanitoo (It) 3.0.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Tranmere v Portsmouth (7.30)

SOCCERAL VICTORY SHIELD UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England v Wales (Coventry FC, 7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE (7.30): First division: Castleford v Bradford Northern, Halifax v Leeds, Hull v Featherstone Rovers, Ryedale York v Salford, St Helens v Wigan. Second division: Hull KR v Dewsbury.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: English national championships (Norwich Sports Village).

SHOOTING: British air rifle championships (Aldershot).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley Conference Centre).

SQUASH: Irish women's open. (Dublin).

Jessica Trophy (Lamb's Club).

TENNIS: LTA Men's Satellite (Coventry). LTA Women's Satellite (Sunderland).

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Ne4! wins the white queen as if, for example, 2 Qh3 Qd4+ 3 Khl Rxf1+ followed by ... Nf2+ wins.

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APRONEER

(a) One who wears an apron, a shopman or mechanic, used contemptuously of the Parliamentary party during the Civil Wars, ultimately from the OF *naperon*, Latin *mappa* a table-napkin: "Every sturdy aproneer/ Arm'd with battoon did straight appear."

BLURT

(c) An eruptive emission of breath from the mouth, especially as expressive of contempt, apparently a modern onomatopoeia expressive of a discharge of breath or fluid from the mouth after an effort to retain it: North, *Plutarch*, 1580: "Meaning to give Cassander a slanpant and blurt."

SAGAMORE

(b) The supreme chief or head of some American Indian tribes, from the Penobscot *sagamo*, *cf. sachem*, Delaware *sakima*, Narragansett *sachem*, Micmac *sakumow*, the alleged distinction that a Sagamore is subordinate to a Sachem appears to be erroneous: "King Philip, the Indian Sagamore of those parts, had raised about six hundred men."

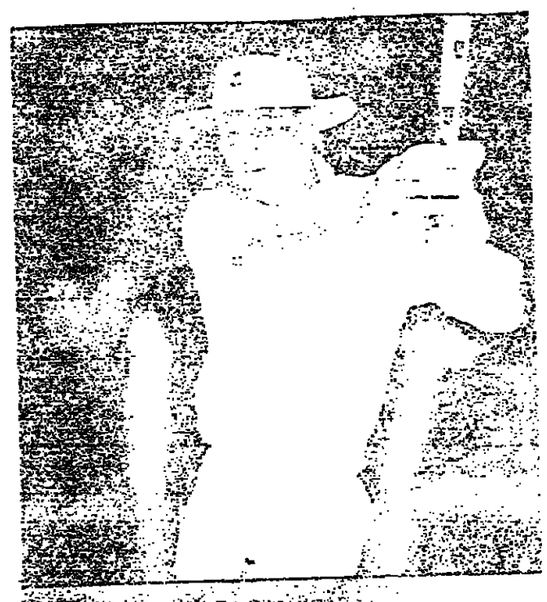
SINAEAN

(a) Chinese, from the late Latin *Sinae*, Greek *Sinai* (Ptolemy), probably an adaptation of the Arabic *Sin*, the empire of China; Milton, *Paradise Lost*: "From the destind Walls/ Of Cambalu.../ To Paquin of Sinaean Kings."

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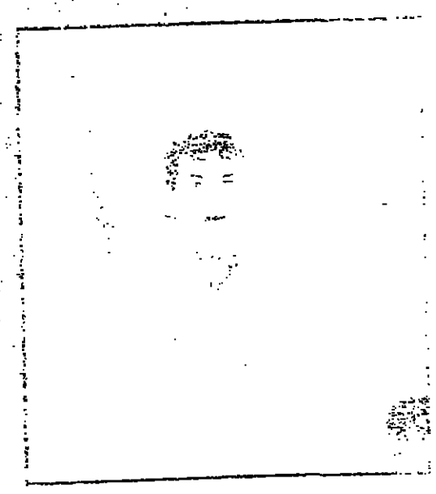




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Opinion focused on IOC problem

Samaranch wins apology over Norway's insults

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY

NORWAY yesterday apologised for insulting its partner host for the Winter Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and its president, Juan Antonio Samaranch. A scruffy episode, in which yesterday's whitewash could not have been more fulsomely applied four-handed by Laurel and Hardy from a row of buckets, has served, however, to focus opinion on an IOC problem, Gerontocracy.

Vegard Ulvang, the Norwegian cross country skiing triple gold medal-winner of 1992, met Samaranch yesterday afternoon and apologised for comments on television that Samaranch and the IOC was undemocratic. These were "not intended to attack the president personally". Samaranch readily agreed to have lunch with Ulvang and other competitors in the village, and said he hoped to shake Ulvang's hand ... as a 1994 medal-winner.

Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, the governing body of world football, had advised Samaranch beforehand: "Be like a father and treat the Norwegian boy like a son." It obviously worked.

At a press conference called by the Lillehammer organising committee, Gerhard Heiberg, the president, admitted he had failed properly to scrutinise personally the text, prior to publication, of an interview in which he said the IOC was "unworthy". He admitted full responsibility.

He further admitted, when questioned, that Norwegian sports authorities — organising committee, national Olympic committee — should have gone further in explaining the IOC's function to a predominantly hostile, egalitarian Norwegian public and press. For three years the Norwegians have been hurling insults at the IOC, with not a word of protest from those in partnership in hosting the games. "I can see that [we should have done more] very well," Heiberg said.

The local problem is that neither of Norway's IOC members, Jan Staubo and Olaf Poulsen, is held in high regard by the sporting fraternity or public. Poulsen stated, following Ulvang's criticism, that the skier, Norway's most famous sportsman, should be withdrawn from taking tomorrow's oath on behalf of all athletes.

Staubo has been an IOC member for almost 30 years: whence the criticism. There is a resentment of the IOC consisting of elderly men, whatever their credentials. One of the comments by Heiberg in a prominent newspaper was that IOC members should serve for only a limited period.

It is this adjustment of membership regulations towards which Samaranch is attempting to move in his modernisation programme. Yet he cannot do so, under the constitution, without the members' own approval.

Norwegian journalists, who have wantonly attacked the Olympic movement more than any nation, yesterday accused Francois Carrard, the IOC director general — who joined the Lillehammer press conference — of undemocratic membership elections. Yet such criticism wholly overlooks the fundamental principle of de Coubertin, the founder: that IOC members are elected not by nations choosing a representative, but by the IOC selecting supposed independently minded people free of government/political prejudice or influence.

The perfection — if it ever existed — of that principle, individually, has long gone, but not collectively. The Olympic Games of 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988 continued in spite of boycotts, greater or lesser. That is the principle of independence that the IOC seeks to defend, however fragile the foundation. Yet it is a foundation that must survive if the IOC and the Olympic Games are to retain their identity.

In his conversation yesterday with Samaranch, Ulvang said that he was happy with the Olympic Games and Olympic ideals. As a champion he could hardly say otherwise, and he and others would do well to recognise that, but for the IOC's development of a commercial base to support the Games independently of governments, there would now certainly be no games. That is something that few understand when randomly condemning today's level of sponsorship and television fees. There cannot be one without the other.

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Cobbing's aerial supremacy supplies medal hope

David Powell looks at Britain's chances of success in Lillehammer on the eve of the Winter Olympic Games



Cobbing, contender for a medal in the freestyle skiing

What do Korea, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein, and 19 other nations more accustomed to success in international sport than those three, have that Britain does not? At least one medal from either of the last two Winter Olympic Games. In fact, but for skating, Britain would not have been on the podium for the last 30 years.

The return to the Olympics of Torvill and Dean promises Britain's first Winter Games medal since 1984. Their victory in Sarajevo was the third in successive Olympics by British skaters following the triumphs of John Curry in 1976 and Robin Cousins in 1980. Prior to Curry, Britain's previous victory came from Tony Nash and Robin Dixon in the 1964 two-man bobsleigh.

Again skating and bobsleigh, this time led by Mark Tout and Lenny Paul, carry Britain's best hopes of success at the Games in Lillehammer, starting this weekend, but what of the remainder of the squad of 36? Wilf O'Reilly's recent personal tragedy relating to the severe injuries suffered by his skater-girlfriend, Monique Velzeboer, interrupted his training, lowering expectation of how he might fare in the short-track speed skating. A man launching himself high into the air on skis is, then, our best outsider.

No, not him. Eagleism is dead, and there is not a ski jumper among Britain's 36. But the nation does have a new eccentric to love or loathe. Richard Cobbing, 26, from Lightwater, Surrey, has put to one side his ambition to become a stuntman in films to be a stuntman in the Olympics.

Cobbing is a freestyle skier specialising in aerials, a demonstration event at the last Olympics, in Albertville in 1992, but now accorded full medal status. This is the sport of "controlled madness", Cobbing says. He is a man well qualified to judge what is mad and what is not.

He used to earn his living as a high diver, performing twists and somersaults five times a day from an 85ft tower into a small dolphin pool, earning £200 a week. He is in the Guinness Book of Records for making 51 somersaults in a minute on a trampoline while wearing skis. He has a metal plate in his collar-bone because his thirst for adventure on a mountain bike exceeded his skill.

Cobbing's routine sends him shooting into the air 40ft above the ground. Aerial skiers launch themselves off prepared snow jumps and perform various combinations of somersaults and twists. Where he differs from Eddie Edwards is that Cobbing has a proven record at the highest level, winning a world championship silver medal last year.

His form this season has been moderate, but he is unperturbed. "I stand a real chance of making the podium," he said. "My strong point is my style in the air."

Jilly Curry, in the women's aerials, is also a medal contender and her morale was boosted last Friday when she finished third in a World Cup event in La Clusaz, France. Lina Tcherjazova, from Uzbekistan, is the overwhelming favourite but either silver or bronze could be within Curry's reach.

A tougher selection process has reduced the British squad to 19 fewer than in Albertville. It is particularly noticeable in the Alpine skiing team which numbers only six compared with ten in 1992; Emma Carrick-Anderson, in the slalom and giant slalom, and Martin and Graham Bell, in the downhill, are likely to fare best. It would count as an achievement if any of them finished in the top 15.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hendry eases past outclassed James

STEPHEN Hendry extended his unbeaten sequence in the Benson and Hedges Masters to 22 snooker matches at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday. But he had to survive a few anxious moments before reaching the semi-finals with a 5-2 victory over Steve James.

At one point James was in fear of setting the record for the fewest number of points in a best-of-nine frame match as Hendry, playing with supreme confidence, allowed his opponent to pot only one red in building a 3-0 lead with breaks of 82, 60, 55 and 72. However, Graham Bradley, of Keighley, retained his unwanted place in the game's record books. Bradley aggregated only eight points in a qualifying round of the 1992 Welsh Open. James opened the fourth frame with a run of 30.

Hendry faces either Peter Ebdon or James Wattana in a best-of-11 frame semi-final.

S Africa earn place

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Centenary World Cup is to be staged in England and Wales in the first three weeks of October 1995, comprising ten countries with the inclusion yesterday of South Africa (Christopher Irvine writes). The tournament finishes with a final at Wembley, with the semi-finals probably at Old Trafford and Elland Road. Wales will play their pool matches in Swansea and Cardiff. Gateshead, Headingley, Huddersfield, Wigan and Sheffield, are other likely venues.

Keech fills breach

CRICKET: Hampshire have signed the Middlesex batsman, Matthew Keech, to help fill the gap left by the retirement of David Gower. Keech, 23, played five games in Middlesex's championship-winning side last season. Graham Dilley, the former England fast bowler, has left Cheltenham College to become bowling coach at Surrey. Sussex have signed the Barbados all-rounder, Vasbert Drakes, but only to play in second XI matches as Franklyn Stephenson will remain as the county's registered overseas player.

Nielsen unhappy

BADMINTON: Anders Nielsen, the 1992 English champion, has criticised the Badminton Association of England for the schedule being used at the National championships in Norwich. Nielsen played two matches each of more than an hour on last year's finals day, losing the chance of defending his title when he collapsed with cramp, and fears a recurrence. "It's disgraceful and unprofessional," Nielsen said. "It means the outcome of the tournament could be decided by the draw."

Selectors retain Shaw

BOWLS: The England selectors have discharged four of the five-woman team that brought back a record number of medals from the Atlantic Rim outdoor championships in Florida last October (David Rhys Jones writes). Only Norma Shaw has been chosen to play in the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, in August. Gwen Daniel, Shirley Page, Edna Bessell and Margaret Heggie have been dropped in favour of Brenda Atherton, Wendy Line, Mary Price and Catherine Anton.

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FORMERLY KNOWN AS
ALLIANZ CORNHILL LEGAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Company No. 1933993
Both of Members' Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES
Following the approval of the Secretary of State the general insurance business of the above companies was transferred to Cornhill Insurance PLC which is responsible for any liabilities arising on the business. Consequently, the companies have ceased trading and were put into solvent liquidation by the members of the companies on 28 January 1994. As such, all creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be, paid in full.
Notices that are given below are purely formal giving creditors notice of the liquidator's appointment and the date creditors should take to register any claim they may have against the above named companies.
On 28 January 1994 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lennox of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator at the above address by 11 March 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
Dated 9 February 1994
Anthony Victor Lennox

No 001589/1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FIRSTPOINT LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 25th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £25,729,115 to £15,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th January 1994.
Dated this 11th day of February 1994.
HERBERT SMITH
Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS.
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NO. 009886 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF ATCO QUALCAST LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 26th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 8th February, 1994.
Dated this 8th day of February 1994.
Eversheds Daynes Hill & Perks of Churchgates House, Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UR (ref:EPS/LJM0 Tel:0473 233433)
Solicitors for the above named Company

No. 0010178 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF UPTON AND SOUTHERN HOLDINGS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 19th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £4,750,000.00 to £2,640,927.77 and the cancellation of the above-named Company's Share Premium Account and Capital Redemption Reserve and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 20th January 1994.
DATED this 1st day of February 1994
Messrs Mosley Crystal,
51 Southampton Row,
London WC1B 5HT
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NO. 0010069 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
Wednesday, 19th Day of January 1994
IN THE MATTER OF BROOKE TOOL ENGINEERING (HOLDINGS) PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division) dated 19th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26 January 1994.
DATED this 11th day of February 1994
NABARRO NATHANSON
50 Stratton Street,
London W1X 6PL
Solicitors for the Above-Named Company
Tel 071 493 9933
Ref 6A/JAG/B1020/185

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
(Pursuant to section 46(1)(a) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986
CUTTERFAST LIMITED
Registered Number: 1569908
NOTICE is hereby given that we, Ladislav Herman and Frank Stanek of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Cutterfast Limited on 7th February 1994 by Greyhound Guaranty Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 6th May 1985 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.
7th February 1994
Ladislav Herman
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Pursuant to section 46(1)(a) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986
MICHAELL LUCK LIMITED
Registered Number: 1184794
NOTICE is hereby given that we, Ladislav Herman and Frank Stanek of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Michael Luck Limited on 7th February 1994 by Greyhound Guaranty Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 5th May 1988 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.
7th February 1994
Ladislav Herman
Joint Administrative Receiver

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	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	5	60	good	powder	closed	snow	1	10/
(Fresh snow improving conditions)								
Mayrhofen	5	100	good	powder	closed	snow	-7	10/
(Good piste skiing on fresh snow)								
Obergurgl	100	150	good	powder	good	snow	1	10/
(Light snow falling on excellent base)								
St Anton	50	290	good	powder	good	snow	-2	10/
(Good powder skiing on all runs)								
FRANCE								
Alpe D'huez	130	220	good	varied	good	snow	-12	10/
(Most lifts closed because of high winds)								
Chamonix	40	345	good	powder	good	snow	4	10/
(Low cloud causing visibility problems)								
Hevalier 45	165	good	varied	good	fine		2	10/2
(Wonderful piste skiing down to valley level)								
Tignes	155	300	good	powder	good	snow	-9	10/
(Snowfall and high winds limiting skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Grindelwald	25	120	good	powder	fair	snow	0	10/
(Pistes in marvellous condition)								
Mürren	55	145	good	powder	good	snow	-5	10/
(Excellent skiing despite poor visibility)								
St Moritz	90	160	good	powder	good	snow	-4	10/
(Excellent skiing on all pistes)								
Zermatt	70	235	good	powder	good	snow	-3	10/
(Snow conditions remaining excellent)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

BANGOR

THUNDERER
1.40 Ramallah. 2.10 Raggerty. 2.40 Catchapenny. 3.10 Phils Pride. 3.40 Swinhoe Croft. 4.10 Finch's Gem. 4.40 Emma's Way.
Brian Beel: 3.40 Swinhoe Croft.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

1.40 HAMNER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,369: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1	-312	RAMALLAH 15 (G,D) J White 5-11-10	W McFarland	98
2	4-4	ADDINGTON BOY 13 D Richards 5-11-5	M Moloney	-
3	0	ALTHREY POET 25 F Lloyd 6-11-5	S McNeill	-
4	2023	BAGLUGUS 34 Mrs S Smith 5-11-5	R Guest	88
5	066P	BLAYNEYS PRIMLEGE 29 R Woodhouse 7-11-5 S Smith Eccles		88
6	PP	BROADWALL 71 (F,S) D Barlow 10-11-5	B Powell	-
7	436	EVEN BLUE 15 Mrs C Black 6-11-5	Mr D McCain (5)	-
8	0-PP	APLEY GALE 52 D McCain 6-11-0	J Railton	-
9	0403	MARINER'S ACE 10 J Spearing 7-11-0	N Williamson	94
10	6	MRS MONEYPENNY 27 M Atkinson 5-11-0	P Ward (7)	-
11	0	MASTER TOBY 13 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9	D Bridgwater	-

6-4 Ramallah, 3-1 Bagluqus, 5-1 Mariner's Ace, 6-1 Addington Boy, 14-1 Master Toby, 16-1 Mrs Moneypenny, 20-1 Even Blue, 25-1 Blayneys Privilege, 33-1 others.

2.10 WEM NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,935: 2m 4f) (13)

1	5142	RAGGERTY 10 (BF,S) S Crossley 4-11-13	P McLoughlin (7)	99
2	0645	BOLD MOOD 15 J Smart 5-11-5	E McKinley	97
3	-KSP	CLUMBER'S NEPHEW 29 R Barnett 6-11-5	T Wall	-
4	00-6	ERLSMO 10 (B) W Clay 5-11-5	Dione Clay	97
5	6434	PRIORY PIPER 20 J Pritchard 5-11-5	T Eley (5)	86
6	P5U0	THANKSFORTHEOFFER 23 I Jones 6-11-5	N Williamson	90
7	0004	*OXY LASS 10 P Cambidge 5-11-0	Mr J Cambidge	82
8	30SP	NORCROSS 19F J Peacock 6-11-0	R Bellamy	95
9	4643	TEALADY 57 Mrs J King 6-11-0	S McNeill	96
10	9	DOC SPOT 30 J H Bibbert 5-10-9	J Railton	86
11	06	NEVER SO LOST 8 P Hiatt 4-10-9	D Bridgwater	-
12	64	PLAIN SAILING 23 (B) M Meads 4-10-9	W Marston	93
13	30	MISS PIMPERNEL 107 J Bevan 4-10-4	D Salter (5)	-

2-1 Raggerty, 5-1 Bold Mood, 6-1 Priory Lass, 8-1 Erlsmo, Plain Sailing, 10-1 Priory Piper, Tealady, 14-1 Norcross, 20-1 others.

2.40 GREDINGTON LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,970: 3m 6l) (12)

1	U-0P	CLINTRISE 9 (F,C,S) D Nicholson 9-11-10	W Marston	83
2	4-56	SIT OF A CLOWN 39 (F,C,S) Mrs I McKie 11-10-7	L Harvey	81
3	321	CATCHAPENNY 21 (S,C,S) M Atkinson 9-10-1	P Ward (7)	81
4	516	DIAMOND FORT 16 (F,C,S) J McConochie 9-10-1	S McNeill	98
5	UFP3	RU VALENTINO 34 (F,D) N Twiston-Davies 10-10-0	D Bridgwater	90
6	5420	BROMPTON ROAD 25 (C,G,S) R Lee 11-10-0	D Fortt (5)	96
7	4UP3	SMOOTH ESCORT 17 (V,C,S) Mrs S Hume 10-10-0	N Williamson	88
8	5PU4	BARNN 10 (G,S) G Richards 11-10-0	M Moloney	-
9	FP5U	SUBBEAM TALBOT 14 (G,S) A Jones 13-10-0	R Guest	91
10	1240	TRIBAL RULER 18 (F,G,S) D McCain 9-10-0	J Railton	82
11	4662	DUBIOUS JAKE 10 (C,F,S) R Woodhouse 11-10-0	C Woodall (7)	83
12	63P8	TRUSTY FRIEND 7 (G,S) C Popham 12-10-0	B Powell	91

5-2 Catchapenny, 7-2 Diamond Fort, 7-1 Ru Valentino, 8-1 Smooth Escort, 10-1 Sit Of A Clown, Brompton Road, 12-1 Barnn, 14-1 Dubious Jake, 16-1 Tribal Ruler, 20-1 others.

3.10 BULKELEY CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,400: 2m 1f) (10)

1	543-	PHILS PRIDE 307 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12-2	G Tormey (7)	9
2	1034	KARNDARL 21 (B,BF,S,S) N Tinkler 7-11-12	E Husband (5)	8
3	6301	ROSGILL 8 (F,S) J White 8-11-12	D Bridgwater	9
4	150P	BROOK COTTAGE 51 (G) F Barton 6-11-10	T Wall	8
5	3360	TITUS GOLD 17 (V,S) W Clay 9-11-10	Diane Clay	8
6	-0F4	OAK PARK 9 (G) J Pickering 6-11-8	T Eley (5)	9
7	0-FP	SOUTH STACK 10 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-4	R Guest	7
8	/P0	NORTH HOLLOW 18 D McCain 9-11-2	Mr D McCain (5)	-
9	-043	ALWAYS READY 105 (G) R Lee 8-11-0	W McFarland	8
10	110	DON'T FORGET MARIE 13 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 4-10-12	S Smith Eccles	7

9-4 Phils Pride, 11-4 Rosgill, 4-1 Karndarl, 7-1 Titus Gold, 10-1 Always Read, Oak Park, 12-1 Don't Forget Marie, 16-1 Brook Cottage, 33-1 others.

3.40 GILBERT COTTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (£1,977: 3m 110yd) (8)

1	656-	PAMPERING 257 (D,G,S) M Meade 13-12-7	J Durkan (3)	8
2	2/5-	PARSONS PLEASURE 209 (CD,S) Mrs A Bowlby 11-12-7	C Morlock (7)	9
3	33/	ROYAL GREEK 843 (F,G,S) P Morris 12-12-7	R James (7)	-
4	34F-	SIR NOBODY 259 (D,F) J Groucutt 11-12-7	C Barlow (7)	-
5	136-	SWINHOE CROFT 330 (CD,S) F Lloyd 12-12-7	C Stockton (7)	-
6	00-8	TEAM CHALLENGE 7 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 12-12-7	J Rees (7)	-
7	40/	BEN HEAD 13P (S) R Bevis 12-12-0	R Bevis (7)	-
8	2/	TAMOSAGA 286P John A Owen 13-12-0	T Marlow (7)	-

5-2 Parsons Pleasure, 7-2 Royal Greek, 4-1 Swinhoe Croft, 5-1 Team Challenge, 6-1 Sir Noddy, 10-1 Ben Head, 12-1 Pampering, 20-1 Tamosaga.

4.10 BETTISFIELD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,879: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	/34	HANGOVER 46 (G,S) R Lee 8-11-10	D Fortt (5)	9
2	UP-4	ON THE TEAR 125 F Lloyd 8-11-0	S McNeill	-
3	3P5	FINCH'S GEM 30 (V) G Richards 6-10-6	N Williamson	8
4	6-55	SERGARU 10 Miss L Shelly 12-10-0	L Harvey	9
5	40SP	SMILES AHEAD 78 (C) P Bevan 6-10-0	T Eley (5)	-

6-4 Hangover, 5-2 Finch's Gem, 4-1 On The Tear, 6-1 Smiles Ahead, 7-1 Sergaru.

4.40 ST MARTIN'S FILLIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,637: 2m 1f) (13)

1	3	ARDENT LOVE 15 D Brennan 5-11-7	R Moore (7)	-
2	0	CLOWN AROUND 15 J Huxley 6-11-7	Mr L Lay	-
3		ELANDS CASTLE M Williamson 6-11-7	P Ward (7)	-
4		EMMA'S WAY D Nicholson 5-11-7	W Marston	-
5		FOIL THE FOX K Bailey 6-11-7	Mrs T Bailey	-
6	0-	MARY KNOLL 285 J Needham 6-11-7	Mr P Hanly (7)	-
7		QUADRAPOL S Christian 5-11-7	P Mellin (7)	-
8		BELLE SARDINESS M Pipe 4-10-12	T Dascombe (7)	-
9	0	CHIEF LADY NICOLA 27 J McConochie 4-10-12	E Tellwright (7)	-
10		SHAMELESS LADY G Ham 4-10-12	R Davis (5)	-
11		SPIKEE ROSE G Jones 4-10-12	Mr G Hogan (7)	-
12	0	STRAY HARMONY 27 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12	T Jacks (5)	-
13		WINNOW J White 4-10-12	P McLoughlin (7)	-

7-4 Belle Baroness, 3-1 Emma's Way, 5-1 Ardent Love, 8-1 Quadrapol, 10-1 Foil The Fox, 12-1 Elands Castle, Winnow, 16-1 Stray Harmony, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%, M Pipe, 20 from 65, 30.8%, G Richards, 34 from 129, 26.4%, K Bailey, 5 from 19, 26.3%, N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 38, 25.6%; D Nicholson, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Guest, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; S McNeill, 6 from 32, 18.8%; L Harvey, 5 from 30, 16.7%; R Bellamy, 7 from 59, 11.9%; J Railton, 5 from 42, 11.9%. Only qualifiers.

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Garrison Savannah brings trainer joy

Pitman has hopes raised for second National victory

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

JENNY Pitman wept tears of joy at Wincanton yesterday as Garrison Savannah returned to the winner's enclosure for the first time since his 1991 Cheltenham Gold Cup win.

"I just can't tell you how much that means," the Lambourn trainer said amid emotional scenes after the 11-year-old chaser had given a graceful exhibition of jumping to land the Racing In Wessex Chase.

If Mrs Pitman was momentarily lost for words, Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, was quick to fill the vacuum by promptly cutting Garrison Savannah from 33-1 to 20-1 for the Martell Grand National, where he is set to carry 10st.

After winning the Gold Cup three years ago, Garrison Savannah looked set to become the first horse since Golden Miller to go on to win the National in the same year, only to be pipped on the run-in by Seagram.

"The Grand National has always been my ambition for him," Mrs Pitman said. "I told the owners the first day they saw him he was Corbiere [her 1983 National winner] with a different coloured coat. We took a bit of a gamble today by leaving his blinkers off for the first time since his novice days."

As she patted and chatted to "Garry," owned by Roger Voysey, Malcolm Burdock and John Davies, she continued: "He's just magic. I hate running pets. I might have to go to Australia for the day if he runs in the National." Her cheers would probably still be heard at Aintree.

Mark Pitman has been riding Garrison Savannah with the Vine and Craven hunt and was convinced he was fit, although his mother was not so sure. "Perhaps she will start listening to me now," he joked.

"I think he is a certainty for the National with that weight. Declan Murphy told me he would give his right arm to ride him at Aintree."

Graham Bradley, who partnered the winner yesterday, is likely to ride Black Humour for Charlie Brooks at Aintree. Mrs Pitman will not be short of volunteers to take his place.

Waterloo Boy, the 11-10 on favourite, was always in Garrison Savannah's shadow but the two mile and five furlongs trip exposed his stamina limitations and his challenge petered out between the last two fences.

Ryde Again, also trained by Mrs Pitman, rallied to gain second place but never looked like catching the deserved winner. Waterloo Boy is certain to miss the Cheltenham festival.

Josh Gifford woke up yesterday morning worrying if he had done the right thing by running Brief Gale over 2¾ miles in the Hoechst Panacur Mares Novice Hurdle, but his fears were groundless as she spreadeagled her 17 rivals.

The Findon trainer believes the winner is the best mare to have passed through his hands, but she is far from certain to go to Cheltenham this year.

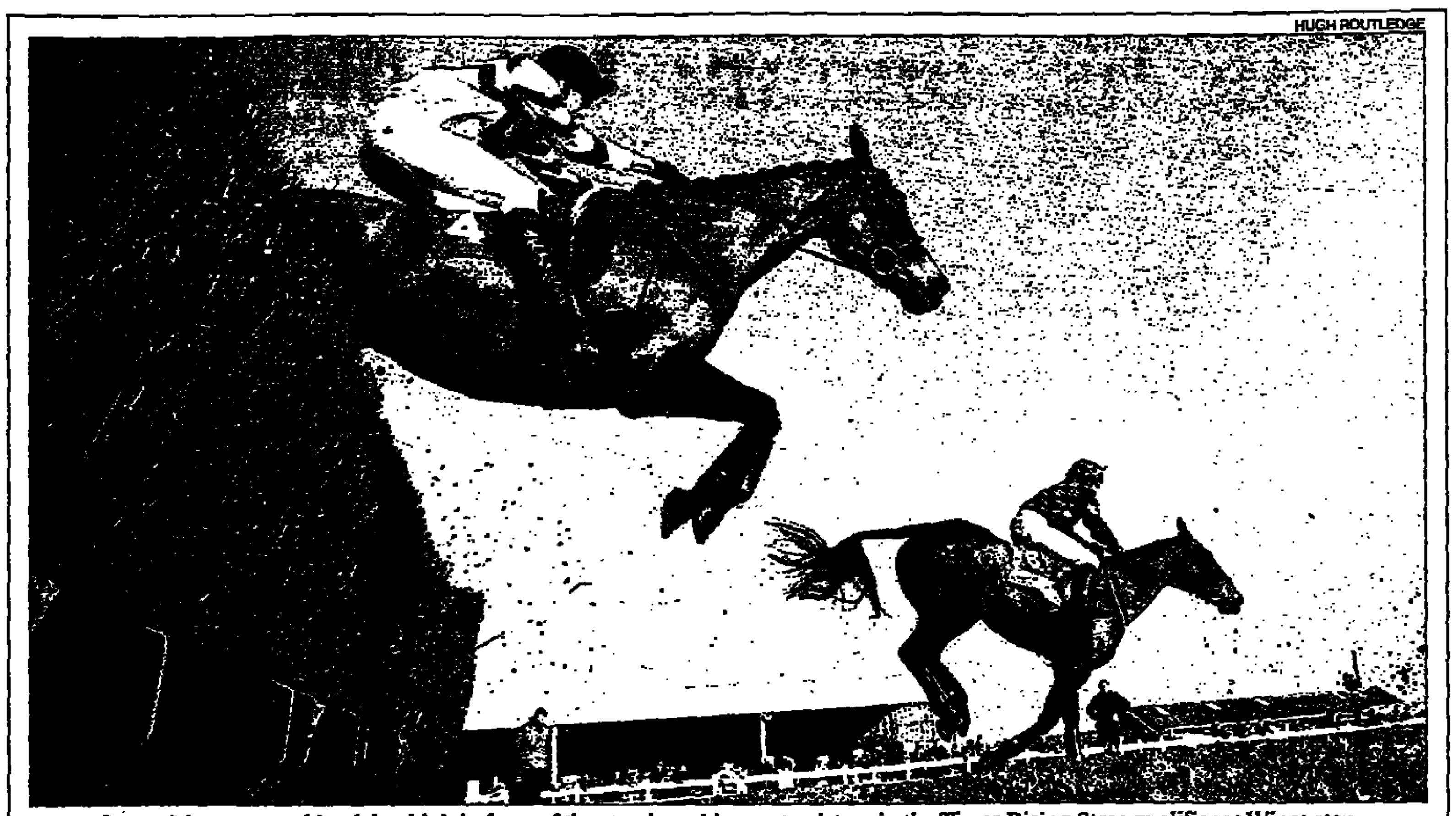
"I would like to go there but she has not had much experience and it would be difficult with just two runs under her belt."

If the battle for the jockeys' championship goes to the wire, Richard Dunwoody will have every reason to remember his winning ride on Snowy Lane in the Weatherbys Newcomers Series Novice Chase. The race did not feature top-class horses, far from it, but Dunwoody gave a vintage performance.

Four fences from home, Dunwoody and Snowy Lane appeared to be struggling against Rampoldi, but Dunwoody refused to give in or give away the inside rail position. Somehow he galvanised the odds-on favourite into a renewed effort and a fine jump at the last enabled the duo to win by less than a length. Half-an-hour later, he hardly had to move on Sparkling Cone in the bumper to reduce Maguire's lead to six.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: RODEO STAR
(3.00 Newbury)
Next best: Maneree
(4.00 Newbury)



Sunny Mount, nearside, rising high in front of the stands on his way to victory in the Times Rising Stars qualifier at Wincanton

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Sunny Mount stakes early claim for final

By Brian Beel

SUNNY Mount extended his winning sequence to nine when successful in the first qualifier of the Times Rising Stars series at Wincanton yesterday, and in doing so gave his owner-rider, Johnny Greenall, his hundredth winner.

Winning trainer, Caroline Saunders, had been anxious before yesterday's contest because Sunny Mount had fallen in his two previous hunter chases, although the talented eight-year-old has subsequently been successful in 13 point-to-points.

Greenall held up Sunny Mount in mid-division for the first circuit with Candy Thomas on the outsider, Sagaro Sun, leading the way. Jane Cobden was content to remain in second place on Mr Golightly, a recent winner at Barbary Castle, but the combination went on at the tenth and stayed in front until headed by Sunny Mount at the second-last.

A good jump by the 11-10 favourite settled the issue here and Sunny Mount went on to win by 2½ lengths with Upham Close running on into third place, a further eight lengths behind.

Greenall is eyeing the Times Rising Stars final at Newbury on March 25 for his winner and said: "He has a lot to learn about jumping, but he's improving all the time." Saunders said: "He is a safe jumper but not a natural. He will just have to learn as he goes along. He will have easier opportunities than he did over these big fences."

The winning owner also has another fine prospect for the final in Kilfinny Cross, who is likely to run in the next Times qualifier, at Hereford on Monday.

Both Over the Edge and Flame O' Frensi, second and third in the betting, proved disappointing. Over The Edge never got into the race and was last when running out and unseating Simon Sporborg at the second-last fence. Jo Cumings had Flame O'Frensi close up until halfway, but gradually faded and was the last of the five finishers, Sagaro Sun having unseated Cindy Thomas at the second last.

Sarah Cobden, the trainer of Mr Golightly, was "over the moon" with his performance. She said, "We will take things slowly with him and have no definite plans for his immediate future."

His rider, Jane Cobden, aged 25, broke him in and does him each morning before going off to work as a sales representative for a saddling firm.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

RACE DETAILS

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd) 1, SUNNY MOUNT (Mr J Greenall, 11-10 fav); 2, Mr Golightly (Miss J Cobden, 9-1); 3, Upham Close (Miss A Turner, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Flame O'Frensi (5th), 9-2 Over The Edge (ro), 25 Zorro's Mark (4th), 66 Sagaro Sun (ur). 7 ran. 2½l, 8l, 20l, 5l. Miss C Saunders at Northampton. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £2.10. DF £5.50. CSF £10.16.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.00 Current Express. 2.30 Pridwell. 3.00 Rodeo Star. 3.30 Wild Illusion. 4.00 Zamirah. 4.30 Winnowing.

Brian Beel: 3.30 Wild Illusion.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

2.00 ALDERMASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,590: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

101 94-5431 CABOCHON 18 (B,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 7-11-8 ... J Frost 78
102 2/151/1 CURRENT EXPRESS 20 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) N Henderson 7-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald [99]
103 03/0-P5P BLACK CHURCH 82 (Dr B Alexander) R Rowe 8-11-4 ... R Dunwoody —
104 P62129/ GROOMSMAN 704 (G) (G Hackling) N Babbage 8-11-4 ... W Humphreys —

BETTING: 2-9 Current Express, 3-1 Cabochon, 25-1 Groomsman, 66-1 Black Church.

1993: BELSTONE FOX 6-11-8 R Dunwoody (11-8 fav) D Nicholson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

CABOCHON beat Peaceman 10l in a 7-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m, heavy). CURRENT EXPRESS beat Baydon Star head in a 5-runner novice chase at Kempton last time out (2m, good to soft). BLACK CHURCH tailed off 5th of 7 to Unholy Alliance in a novice chase at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). GROOMSMAN beat Master Dancer 4l in a 9-runner handicap hurdle at Southwell in January 1992 (AW, 2m 6f).
Selection: CURRENT EXPRESS

2.30 STROUD GREEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,825: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

201 111423 BURNT IMP 27 (D,F,G,S) (M Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 11-5 ... J Callaghan 82
202 111 PRIDWELL 13 (D,G,S) (Food House Racing) M Pipe 11-5 ... R Dunwoody 92
203 213P GRAND APPLAUSE 45 (CD,G) (M Lewis) R Simpson 11-0 ... D Gallagher 90
204 111 MYSILV 45 (D,G,S) (Million In Mind Partnership) D Nicholson 11-0 ... A Maguire [99]

BETTING: 8-11 Mysilv, 2-1 Pridwell, 7-1 Burnt Imp, 10-1 Grand Applause.

1993: BEAUCHAMP GRACE 4-11-0 R Dunwoody (15-8 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BURNT IMP 12l 3rd of 10 to Kadastrof in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). PRIDWELL beat My Ballyboy 3l in the 7-runner grade II Foodbrokers Finesse Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). GRAND APPLAUSE 1l 3rd of 8 to Admiral's Well in the grade II Wetton Cleaning Hurdle at Lingfield on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good to soft), with BURNT IMP (2lb worse off) 6l 4th.
MYSILV beat BURNT IMP 8l in the 12-runner grade I Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy), with GRAND APPLAUSE (5lb better off) pulled up before 3 out.
Selection: MYSILV

3.00 ARKELL BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,013: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

301 1B1-133 DIS TRAIN 86 (B,S) (M Oberstein) S Sherwood 10-12-0 ... J Osborne 91
302 2-21211 RODEO STAR 14 (CD,F,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 8-11-4 ... G McCourt 94
303 24-35P1 NORTHERN JINKS 21 (B,C,D,G,S) (Mrs E Smith) R Dickin 11-11-3 ... D Meredith (3) 97
304 U43F13 ALAN BALL 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Gilbert's Food Products) Miss S Wilson 8-10-6 M A Fitzgerald [99]
305 14-3414 MR FELIX 11 (D,F,G,S) (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) R Champion 8-10-0 A Maguire 91

Long handicap: Mr Felix 9-11.

BETTING: Evens Rodeo Star, 7-2 Northern Jinks, 5-1 Dis Train, 7-1 Mr Felix, 8-1 Alan Ball.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DIS TRAIN 13l 3rd of 10 to Gulburn's Nephew in a handicap chase here on penultimate start (2m 4f, good). RODEO STAR beat Centenary Star 6l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). NORTHERN JINKS beat Briggs Builders 4l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). ALAN BALL beat Al Hashimi 15l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Nottingham on penultimate start (2m, soft). MR FELIX beat Philidmay 2l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Worcester on penultimate start (2m, heavy), with NORTHERN JINKS (7lb better off) tailed off 5th.
Selection: RODEO STAR (nap)

3.30 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL FOXHUNTERS CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,304: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

401 232152- BEE GARDEN 286P (B,CD,G,S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 13-12-6 ... Miss P Curling (5) 97
402 PPPF0-2 DUNCAN 8 (CD,F,G,S) (C Saunders) Miss C Saunders 9-12-6 ... B Pollock (7) [99]
403 6P1466-1 MINSTREL MAN 13P (D,G,S) (W Smith) W Smith 10-12-6 ... T McCarthy (7) —
404 4/16F/ ROYAL PAVILION 661 (D,G) (Mrs L Baker) Mrs L Baker 11-12-2 ... C Gordon (7) —
405 211-1 WILD ILLUSION 20P (F,G,S) (A Clarke-Brown) Miss J Pidgeon 10-12-2 J Trice-Rolph (7) 98
406 34U/0 SOMMENDEW 20P (Miss P Russell) Miss P Russell 11-11-11 ... P Ball (7) —

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 7-4 Wild Illusion, 3-1 Duncan, 9-2 Bee Garden, Minstrel Man, 8-1 Royal Pavilion, 25-1 Sommendew.

1993: DUNCAN 8-11-13 A Sansome (5-1) Miss C Saunders 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEE GARDEN beat Blitbrook 8l in a 14-runner hunter chase at Sandown in March (2m 4f 110yd, good). DUNCAN 2l 2nd of 9 to Mr Murdock in a hunter chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, soft). MINSTREL MAN beat Frank's The Name 8l in a 3-runner point-to-point at Badbury Rings (3m, good). ROYAL PAVILION clear when fell 2 out in an 8-runner handicap chase at Chepstow won by Cache Fleur (3m 4f, good). WILD ILLUSION beat Robusti 12l in an 11-runner point-to-point at Barbury Castle (3m, good to soft) and beat Blue Danube 25l in an 11-runner hunter chase at Cheltenham in May (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: WILD ILLUSION

4.00 CRICKLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,496: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

501 321110- ROBINGO 258F (B,D,S) (J Neville) R Simpson 5-12-13 ... D Gallagher 86
502 061084 ZAMIRAH 20 (C,F,G,S) (M Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 ... C Llewellyn 94
503 01F-410 KAYTAK 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) (T Myles & Co Ltd) J Jenkins 7-10-11 ... M A Fitzgerald [99]
504 1-51214 MANEREE 6 (G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 7-10-11 ... R Campbell 95
505 51155-2 MYHAMET 139 (B,S) (D O'Connor) P Hobbs 7-10-4 ... A Maguire 89

BETTING: 9-4 Zamirah, 3-1 Maneree, 7-2 Myhamet, 5-1 Kaytak, 7-1 Robingo.

1993: ANDREW'S FIRST 6-10-0 C Llewellyn (9-2) M Wilkinson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROBINGO beat High Altitude 3l in a 3-runner novice hurdle at Leicester on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, soft). ZAMIRAH 13½l 4th of 10 to Nijmegen in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). KAYTAK beat Albertito 8l in a 5-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance on penultimate start (heavy). MANEREE 30l 4th of 5 to Muse in a conditions hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). MYHAMET 2½l 2nd of 10 to Staunch Rival in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: KAYTAK

4.30 FEBRUARY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,470: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

601 5-130 FRIENDLY FELLOW 29 (S) (The Radio Three) D Elsworth 5-11-10 ... P Holley 84
602 6-41 HOLD YOUR RANKS 48 (S) (R Frost) R Frost 7-11-10 ... J Frost 86
603 6-02211 WELSH LUSTRE 44 (D,S) (Mrs L Lovell) D Nicholson 5-11-9 ... A Maguire 91
604 4-0P0 BALLYMSYR 71 (Mrs R Kavanagh) S Mellor 5-11-6 ... M Perrett —
605 03-2245 GOLDEN SPINNER 41 (C,S) (Sir Peter Miller) N Henderson 7-11-6 ... R Dunwoody 95
606 05-00 GREENHILL TARE AWAY 16 (Exors of the late J Shedden) P Hobbs 6-11-6 M Hourigan —
607 060 PHIL'S DREAM 72 (Mrs J Foster) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6 ... I Lawrence —
608 02-F0 PRINCE OF PREY 55 (G Mizel) T Thomson Jones 6-11-6 ... C Llewellyn —
609 5/5P PROFESSOR LONGHAIR 10 (Mrs M Russell) J Edwards 7-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald —
610 64-0 THE BRUD 38 (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 6-11-6 ... M Richards —
611 3F0-112 WINNOWING 43 (BF,F,S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 6-11-5 ... J Osborne [99]

BETTING: 11-4 Winnowing, 3-1 Welsh Lustre, 4-1 Hold Your Ranks, 8-1 Friendly Fellow, 12-1 others.

1993: OATIS REGRETS 5-11-10 J Osborne (5-4 fav) Miss H Knight 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY FELLOW 6l 3rd of 14 to Squire Silk in a novice hurdle at Windsor on penultimate start (2m, soft). HOLD YOUR RANKS beat Stormy Sunset 7l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). WELSH LUSTRE beat Loving Around 2½l in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). GOLDEN SPINNER 3½l 4th of 11 to Book Of Music in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 4f, good). PHIL'S DREAM 37l 9th of 20 to Konvekta King in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). WINNOWING head 2nd of 10 to Castle Court in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy).
Selection: WINNOWING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	25	92	27.2	R Dunwoody	47	185	25.4
O Sherwood	23	88	26.1	J Osborne	34	153	22.2
N Henderson	27	121	22.3	P Holley	12	58	20.7
D Nicholson	21	97	21.6	J Frost	13	77	16.9
S Mellor	3	16	18.8	G McCourt	10	68	14.7
D Elsworth	17	93	18.3	M Perrett	10	70	14.3

☐ Stakis, the Glasgow-based hotel and casino chain, has announced that it is to sponsor the Scottish National, at Ayr, for the second successive year.

One Man cut to 5-1 for festival

ONE Man is proving a warm order for the Sun Alliance Chase at the Cheltenham festival. Ladbroke reported heavy support for the six-year-old yesterday, and cut him two points to 5-1 joint-second favourite.

Ladbrokes now bet: 4-1 Merry Gale, 5-1 Lord Relic, One Man, 8-1 Raymylette, Belvederian, 10-1 See More Indians, Honest Word, 12-1 Monsieur Le Cure.

Gordon Richards yesterday hailed One Man as one of the best novice chasers he has trained following the gelding's impressive victory at Ascot on Wednesday.

Having reported his exciting prospect in fine shape, Richards said: "I'm lucky to have him. He's among the best novices I've had — he's quick and he's proven, and he'll go on any ground. He's already been round Haydock, Wetherby, Ayr and Ascot. Haydock and Ascot are the hardest fences to jump in my book, so I wouldn't have any fears about him jumping round Cheltenham.

"The Irish horse, Merry Gale, looks decent but Martin Pipe's Lord Relic has a bit to prove, so I don't think we should be scared of anything."



Maguire: helping hand

Meanwhile, at Huntingdon yesterday Seekin Cash secured his festival place by extending his unbeaten sequence to four when landing the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle. The 9-4 on favourite proved too strong for Relkeel and will run in the Sun Alliance Hurdle.

The stewards have cost Adrian Maguire dear recently, but he had them to thank when So Discreet was awarded the Glatton Claiming Hurdle. The pairing went down by a head to Mistic Glen, but John White's gelding was bumped on the run-in and the placings were later reversed.

☐ Simon Burrough's appeal against his ten-day suspension is being heard today by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER
2.15 Savoy. 2.45 Choice Challange. 3.15 Military Honour. 3.45 Daring Past. 4.15 Grazembier. 4.45 RICHARDSON (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 SAVOY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

2.15 GREAT CATTERICK RACING GAME GAMBLE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,085: 3m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 5221 COQUI LANE 22 (S) G Dun 7-11-4 ... B Storey
2 3315 FARMER'S CROSS 73 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-4 Mrs A Farrell
3 3122 SAVOY 30 (D,BF,G) G Richards 7-11-4 ... N Doughty
4 /514 SPARROW HALL 69 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-4 ... M Dwyer
5 0146 PORTONIA 16 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-10-13 ... P Niven
6 02 BISHOPS CASTLE 21 T Carr 6-10-12 ... A Dobbin
7 26F0 KILMINFOYLE 14 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-12 ... R Hodge
8 3005 ROYAL SURPRISE 20 P Cheesbrough 7-10-12 Miss P Robson
9 06 TIDERUNNER 29 J Glover 6-10-12 ... T Reed
10 P04- POLLITTS PRIDE 256 J Eyre 8-10-7 ... A Mulholland
11 0-PP SOPHINI 56 Mrs A Tomlinson 6-10-7 ... R Garritty

9-4 Savoy, 3-1 Coqui Lane, 4-1 Sparrow Hall, 5-1 Farmer's Cross, Portonia, 7-1 Bishops Castle, 8-1 Kilminfoyle, 16-1 others.

2.45 GREAT VALUE CATTERICK CLUB 1994 HANDICAP CHASE (£2,477: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 /1P- WHITWOOD 444 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-12-0 ... P Niven
2 5431 CHOCTAW 10 (C,F,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-11 (6ex) C Hawkins
3 F51F CHOICE CHALLANGE 28 (F,G,S) M Hammond 11-11-8 ... S Lyons (5)
4 -001 TIM SOLDIER 21 (C,G,S) M Barraclough 7-11-6 ... D Murphy
5 F482 GREY MINSTREL 13 (G,S) Denys Smith 10-11-3 ... B Storey
6 -415 HEAVENLY CITIZEN 20 (CD,BF,F,G,S) T Tate 6-11-0 ... R Garritty

9-4 Tim Soldier, 3-1 Choctaw, 4-1 Choice Challange, Heavenly Citizen, 8-1 Grey Minstrel, 14-1 Whitwood.

3.15 HAWK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 2m) (6)

1 U1FU TERRIBLE GEL 20 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 ... P Niven
2 3123 TRESIDDER 10 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 12-11-13 ... R Garritty
3 4-04 KIND'A SMART 26 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-11-8 ... A S Smith
4 U311 MILITARY HONOUR 10 (B,CD,G,S) J Swiers 9-11-0 (6ex) ... Mr S Swiers
5 2423 VULRORY'S CLOWN 63 (C,D,F,G,S) D Brennan 16-10-0 ... M Brennan
6 VU20 BALLYBELL 8 J Gladson 9-10-0 ... P Williams (5)

9-4 Military Honour, 3-1 Tresidder, 7-2 Terrible Gel, 9-2 Kind'a Smart, 14-1 Vulrory's Clown, 25-1 Ballybell.

3.45 LIGHTNING NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,249: 2m) (17)

1 5100 ATHERTON GREEN 13 (CD,G) J Glover 11-4 ... T Reed
2 1023 DIWALI DANCER 13 (D,S) A Bailey 11-4 ... N Mann
3 001 FRET 9 (D,G) G Moore 11-4 ... M Bentley (3)
4 0150 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 10 (D,S) M W Easterby 11-4 ... G Bradley
5 3P BERING ISLAND 29 W Bentley 10-12 ... L Wyer
6 BLUE GROTTO 139F M Tompkins 10-12 ... D Murphy
7 2323 CALL MY GUEST 75 Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12 ... M Dwyer
8 0 CIVIL LAW 44 Mrs V Aconley 10-12 ... C Hawkins
9 62 DARING PAST 6 M Hammond 10-12 ... P Niven
10 P0 FRIENDLY KNIGHT 21 J Haldane 10-12 ... A Dobbin
11 0 PREMIER STAR 21 M Dods 10-12 ... B Storey
12 04 PRIMO FIGLIO 13 (B) Miss L Siddall 10-12 ... A Thornton (3)
13 4 STAR RAGE 21 M W Easterby 10-12 ... J Driscoll (7)
14 35 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 72 J Carr 10-12 ... N Smith
15 0 LINGCOOL 13 M H Easterby 10-7 ... R Garritty
16 5 MAMARA REEF 13 Denys Smith 10-7 ... P Waggott (5)
17 0 ZAAHEYAH 69 M Hammond 10-7 ... S Lyons (5)

3-1 Call My Guest, 4-1 Diwali Dancer, 9-2 Daring Past, 8-1 Golden Savannah, Primo Figlio, 12-1 Atherton Green, Fret, 16-1 Lingcool, Star Rage, 25-1 others.

4.15 PANTHA NOVICES CHASE (£2,306: 2m 3f) (8)

1 1318 EBRO 16 (G,S) V Thompson 8-12-3 ... F Perratt (5)
2 U/21 KEEP BIDDING 122 (F,S) R Craggs 8-11-10 ... T Reed
3 /0U4 EMERALD GEM 14 (S) D Brennan 8-11-3 ... M Brennan
4 2F-F EQUINOCTIAL 73 (F,S) N Miller 9-11-3 ... K Jones
5 63UU GRAZEMBER 8 P Beaumont 7-11-3 ... L Wyer
6 -05F HIGHLANDMAN 20 J Haldane 8-11-3 ... A Dobbin
7 3-U6 MACCONACHIE 20 M Dods 7-11-3 ... A Merrigan
8 HAGAR J Charlton 5-10-7 ... B Storey

9-4 Keep Bidding, 4-1 Highlandman, 5-1 Ebro, 6-1 Equinoctial, 7-1 Grazember, 12-1 Macconachie, 16-1 Emerald Gem, 20-1 Hagar.

4.45 COBRA HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,469: 2m 3f) (11)

1 0430 REVE DE VALSE 13 (G,S) Denys Smith 7-12-0 ... P Waggott (5)
2 5133 THE GREEN FOOL 16 (F,G,S) V Thompson 7-11-8 ... A Dobbin
3 8145 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 30 (BF,G,S) G Holmes 6-11-7 R Marley
4 /260 RICHARDSON 35 (C,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0 ... M Dwyer
5 -52F ONLY A ROSE 65 (G,S) C Thornton 5-10-11 ... D Wilkinson
6 621- MARSH'S LAW 259 (G,S) D Brennan 7-10-7 ... M Brennan
7 6024 WAKE UP 13 (C,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-4 ... G Bradley
8 6/00 CANDID LAD 13 (F) M Wane 7-10-3 ... C Dennis
9 0342 SHAHGRAM 10 P Beaumont 6-10-2 ... Mrs A Farrell
10 3100 STAGS FELL 20 (CD,F,G) G Moore 9-10-0 ... N Bentley (3)
11 0046 CURTAIN FACTORY 35 (G) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... L Wyer

5-2 Shahgram, 9-2 The Green Fool, 5-1 Richardson, 7-1 Wake Up, Marsh's Law, Only A Rose, 10-1 Gymcrak Sovereign, Stags Fell, 12-1 Candid Lad, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 5 winners from 19 runners, 26.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 23 from 92, 25.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 16 from 78, 20.5%; Mrs V A Aconley, 6 from 33, 18.2%; D Brennan, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Hammond, 9 from 59, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 24 winners from 87 rides, 27.6%; A S Smith, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Hodge, 9 from 36, 25.0%; P Niven, 16 from 90, 17.8%; M Brennan, 5 from 29, 17.2%; N Doughty, 10 from 59, 16.9%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.20 Mystic Eagle. 2.50 Dance Of The Swans. 3.20 Milos. 3.50 No Submission. 4.20 Warren Street. 4.50 Hasta La Vista.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 FLYING DRAGON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,319: 1m) (11 runners)

1 0-0 ICANSPELL 18 T Barron 9-0 ... J Fanning 1
2 MAYS FANCY A Jarvis 9-0 ... N Adams 5
3 MYSTIC EAGLE J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori 8
4 -243 REGAL RAMBLER 11 L Barratt 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 4
5 0-02 SIR DANNY 21 N Graham 9-0 ... DOUBTFUL 10
6 CHARLOTTE PENNY J Hetherton 8-9 ... K Darley 3
7 0- COLIN'S PRIDE 99 C Wall 8-9 ... D Holland 6
8 5 DANCE STEPPE 7 (B) J Spearing 8-9 ... A Mackay 7
9 03-6 LADY HIGHFIELD 13 (B) M Ryan 8-9 ... D Biggs 9
10 ROCK TO SLEEP Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison 2
11 0- SESTRIERE 98 Mark Prescott 8-9 ... K Rutter (5) 11

7-4 Rock To Sleep, 2-1 Mystic Eagle, 6-1 Regal Rambler, 7-1 Lady Highfield, 11-1 Colin's Pride, 14-1 Icanspell, 20-1 others.

2.50 PEACOCK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,821: 6f) (7)

1 61-5 ABBOTS DAUGHTER 34 (D,G) B McMahon 8-7 ... D Holland 4
2 6241 PALACEGATE JO 7 (CD,B,S) J Berry 8-7 ... J Carroll 2
3 -000 LUCIUS LOCKET 11 (B) J Berry 8-4 ... K Darley 1
4 6-02 DANCE OF THE SWANS 7 (G,S) D Kent 8-3 ... Dale Gibson 6
5 00-5 NORDICO PRINCESS 35 (CD,G) J Pickering 8-3 ... L Dettori 3
6 560- MRS JOGGLEBURY 191 (B) C Smith 7-13 ... M Baird (7) 7
7 540- DAUNTLESS FORT 139 B Murray 7-12 ... J Quinn 5

Evens Dance of The Swans, 2-1 Palacegate Jo, 4-1 Abbots Daughter, 8-1 Nordico Princess, 12-1 Dauntless Fort, 25-1 Mrs Jogglebury, 33-1 Lucius Locket.

3.20 GREAT BEAR HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,173: 6f) (4)

1 302- NOBLE SPIRIT 52 (B,E) M Naughton 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 1
2 1-52 MILOS 20 (BF,G) T Naughton 9-7 ... D Holland 2
3 0-05 LADY SILK 7 J Hetherton 8-13 ... N Carlisle 4
4 354- THREE OF HEARTS 113 D Kent 8-10 ... M Humphries (7) 3

Evens Noble Spirit, 6-4 Milos, 6-1 Lady Silk, 12-1 Three Of Hearts.

3.50 ERMINE COTTAGE NURSERY STAKES (£3,261: 7f) (16)

1 1311 NO SUBMISSION 7 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-10-6 (6ex) ... L Dettori 3
2 -311 THEMAAM 7 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-5 (6ex) ... Darren Moffatt (5) 7
3 00-6 BOLD HABIT 10 (CD,F,G) J Pearce 9-9-5 ... M Wigham 5
4 0-60 OCARA 27 (C,G) R Spicer 4-9-1 ... Paul Eddery 1
5 -040 BALLAD DANCER 4 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-9-1 ... K Darley 4
6 02-0 STRIP CARTOON 41 (C,BF,G,S) S Bowring 6-8-13 ... G Strange (7) 14
7 -466 MAID WELCOME 20 (V,C,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-12 ... Dale Gibson 11
8 00/0 CALDERVALE 25 L Barratt 4-8-12 ... N Adams 12
9 0-22 COBBS CROSS 7 T Caldwell 4-8-9 ... M Fenton (3) 16
10 0-00 KISSAVOS 13 (CD,F,G) C Elsey 8-8-8 ... B Doyle (3) 2
11 00-0 LARN FORT 25 (C,G,S) C Fairhurst 4-8-8 ... J Fanning 13
12 0-00 SKULLCAP 10 (F) T Naughton 4-8-8 ... R Perham 9
13 5-60 CICERONE 7 (D,G,S) P Calver 4-8-7 ... N Carlisle 8
14 40-6 OLD COMRADES 21 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-8-1 ... D Harrison 10
15 5224 MEDLAND 6 (D,F) D Wilson 4-8-0 ... J Quinn 6
16 31-0 SHOTLEY AGAIN 21 (D,S) N Bycroft 4-7-8 ... N Kennedy (3) 15

3-1 Themaam, 4-1 Medland, 5-1 Cobbs Cross, 6-1 No Submission, 10-1 Ocara, Old Comrades, 12-1 Shotley Again, 14-1 others.

4.20 SEA GOAT CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,243: 1m 4f) (11)

1 50/0 LITTLE BLACKFOOT 7 (B,G) J Harris 6-9-10 ... T Williams 6
2 306- TOP SHIEL 108 (G) K Burke 6-9-8 ... D Holland 11
3 -352 GOLD SURPRISE 14 (S) S Kettlewell 5-9-6 ... C Adamson (7) 7
4 43-2 WARREN STREET 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 5
5 60/0 DRAMATIC PASS 7 M Chapman 5-9-2 ... M Wigham 1
6 -100 MUST BE MAGICAL 14 (V,CD,G) J Mackie 6-8-12 ... J Weaver 2
7 060- MAJOR RISK 51J D Kent 5-8-6 ... J Carroll 10
8 6612 LADY CONFESS 7 (B,C,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 ... L Dettori 3
9 -266 PACIFIC POWER 7 W O'Gorman 4-8-2 ... K Darley 8
10 /6-0 BOHEMIAN QUEEN 14J J Spearing 4-8-1 ... L Suthern (7) 9
11 -023 MARATHIA 10 (B) S Woods 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 4

5-2 Pacific Power, 4-1 Warren Street, 5-1 Lady Confess, Top Shiel, 11-2 Marathia, 7-1 Must Be Magical, 10-1 Gold Surprise, 16-1 others.

4.50 MILKY WAY HANDICAP (£3,377: 2m) (11)

1 000- ROSINA MAE 105 (D,F,G) D Burchell 5-10-0 ... R Price 4
2 3431 IOTA 6 (D,G,S) J Harris 5-9-5 (4ex) ... Paul Eddery 6
3 244- SHAFFIC 13J (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-10 ... K Darley 3
4 1/6- TRUMP 28J (S) C Parker 5-8-4 ... D Holland 2
5 /30/ MERCHANT HOUSE 534J R Weaver 6-8-3 ... Dale Gibson 5
6 65-1 HASTA LA VISTA 7 (B,C,F,G) M W Easterby 4-8-3 (4ex) ... L Dettori 10
7 060- HEATHYARDS BOY 9J (S) R Hollinshead 4-8-2 ... A Garth (5) 8
8 022- NOMADIC FIRE 147J Mrs N Macauley 4-8-0 ... N Adams 7
9 005- MURO 28J R Lamb 6-7-10 ... J Quinn 1
10 -463 WELL AND TRULY 14 (C,G) B McMahon 7-7-9 ... A Mackay 9
11 34-9 MOONSHINE DANCER 25 Mrs M Reveley 4-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 11

3-1 Hasta La Vista, 4-1 Iota, 5-1 Well And Truly, 7-1 Shaffic, Trump, 8-1 Nomadic Fire, 10-1 Moonshine Dancer, 12-1 Mufid, 14-1 Rosina Mae, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 18 from 79, 22.8%; D Wilson, 6 from 27, 22.2%; M Ryan, 15 from 72, 20.8%; T Barron, 60 from 297, 20.2%; M Prescott, 24 from 123, 19.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 18 winners from 73 rides, 24.7%; L Dettori, 20 from 91, 22%; J Weaver, 11 from 54, 20.4%; D Biggs, 31 from 188, 16.5%; K Darley, 15 from 92, 16.3%; K Rutter, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.20 Lady Highfield. 2.50 Mrs Jogglebury.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: good to soft

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Aal El Aal (N Parker, 4-1); 2, Jump Start (13-8 fav); 3, Cabin Hill (7-2). 8 ran. NR: Lucky Blue. 8l, 8l. P Hobbs. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £4.30. Trio: £4.30. CSF: £10.20. Tricast: £21.09.

2.00 (3m 1f 110yd) For result see above

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Gospel (C Llewellyn, 11-1); 2, Bond Jnr (7-2); 3, The Frog Prince (7-1). 6-4 fav Old Bridge. 8 ran. 1½l, 2½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £12.40; £2.40, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £42.80. CSF: £45.57.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, GARRISON SAVANNAH (G Bradley, 7-2); 2, Ryde Again (D Murphy, 4-1); 3, Waterloo Boy (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Smartie Express (4th), 100 La Cerise (5th). 5 ran. 3l, 5l, 20l, dist. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £5.80. CSF: £15.31.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Brief Gale (D Murphy, 10-11 fav); 2, Canal Street (5-1); 3, Spread Your Wings (9-2). 18 ran. 12l, 15l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £5.50. Trio: £13.60. CSF: £6.89.

4.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Snowy Lane (R Dunwoody, 8-11 fav); 2, Rampoldi (9-4); 3, Young Brave (9-1). 8 ran. ¾l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £2.87.

4.30 (2m flat) 1, Sparkling Cone (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Tip The Dove (13-8 fav); 3, Boyinend (5-1). 17 ran. NR: Win A Hand. 8l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £8.90; £2.10, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £11.30. Trio: £36.20. CSF: £23.48.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,934.45 is carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £20.80.

Huntingdon

Going: soft

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, So Discreet (A Maguire, 4-7 fav); 2, Mistic Glen (7-1); 3, The Pepparazi (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Keep Hope Alive. Hd, 7l. J White. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £3.80. Trio: £5.80. CSF: £6.94. After a stewards' enquiry the first two placings were reversed.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Baltic Brown (Richard Guest, 5-2 fav); 2, Loch Blue (8-1); 3, Cambo (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Dragons Den. 10l, 30l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £2.40. DF: £12.80. CSF: £22.54. Tricast: £75.54.

3.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Seekin Cash (J Osborne, 4-9 fav); 2, Relkeel (2-1); 3, Czar Nicholas (33-1). 4 ran. 10l, dist. C Egerton. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.63.

3.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Southolt (D Bridgwater, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Newlands-General (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Crystal Bear (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Sound And Fury. 1¾l, 8l. F Murphy. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.80. Trio: £3.20. CSF: £10.95.

4.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Allaal (S Smith Eccles, 10-11 fav); 2, Emsee-H (7-4); 3, Private Audition (7-2). 3 ran. NR: The Flying Footman. 5l, dist. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.71.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Brambleberry (Richard Guest, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, So Proud (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Doradus (7-2 jt-fav). Nagobelia 7-2 jt-fav. 7 ran. 6l, 3l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £10.10. CSF: £16.04. Placepot: £10.40.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Rusty Reel (R Campbell, 6-4 jt-fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Erlking (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Aramon (20-1). 10 ran. 2½l, 15l. I Campbell. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.07.

2.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Rogevic Belle (W McFarland, 25-1); 2, Rumbelow (7-1); 3, Masroug (4-9 fav). 8 ran. 5l, shd. R Stronge. Tote: £18.70; £3.60, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £46.00. CSF: £169.67. No bid.

2.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Nearly Honest (A Tory, 4-5 fav); 2, Lizzies Lass (50-1); 3, Whatmorecanasksdor (4-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 20l. R Hodges. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £4.90. DF: £11.50. CSF: £18.76.

3.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Sashi (J McCarthy, 6-4 fav); 2, Construction (33-1); 3, Royal Circus (5-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 1½l. C Weedon. Tote: £2.40; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £24.60. CSF: £26.77.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Monday Club (D Meade, 3-1); 2, Victory Anthem (9-4 fav); 3, Whippers Delight (3-1). 8 ran. 1l, 12l. J Tuck. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £10.00. CSF: £9.81. Tricast: £19.00.

4.20 (1m 5f flat) 1, Colossus Of Roads (Guy Lewis, 4-7 fav); 2, Queenford Belle (7-1); 3, Mighty Maunce (4-1). 11 ran. NR: Quaker Waltz. 1½l, 15l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.70; £1.60, £2.90, £1.10. DF: £4.70. Trio: £8.00. CSF: £7.56.

Placepot: £3.10.

☐ Katabatic will run in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham without having a prep race trainer Josh Gifford said yesterday. The former two-mile champion was moved to Findon by the owners, Pell-Mell partners, after a dispute with the previous trainer, Andy Turnell.

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Big fish angling to hook audience on reel of film



Nudd: legend among anglers

Four million Britons fish ... it is our leading participant sport. Politicians and newspaper proprietors keep quiet about the cruelty of engaging hooks in the mouths of aquatic vertebrates — not because four million people cannot be wrong. It is because that number of voters and purchasers of newsprint are best kept on your side.

Barry Hearn is a promoter. It was he who signed Steve Davis and made snooker the successful sport it is today; Hearn who went into boxing, duffed up the existing promoters and now rides high with Chris Eubank as his showpiece pugilist.

This same Hearn called a press conference earlier this week to announce Fish 'O' Mania: his company's promotion of "world-class match angling the like of which the sport has never seen — with an unprecedented five hours of non-stop television coverage by Sky. The date is August 13. The venue, the lake on Mallory Park. The winner-take-all prize an unbelievable £25,000."

It is presumed that Hearn looked at the huge number of anglers and felt there had to be something in it for him. Or as he put it, "here is a pursuit involving a substantial percentage of the people of Britain and no one knows the name of the champions, what they look like, where they live, anything. I want to change that."

The Fish 'O' Mania launch took place in a private suite of the Grosvenor House Hotel, in London. The trade press was there, also Sky TV. Talk concerned conventional maggots and pinkies, gudgeon, tench, zander, perch, carp and Bob Nudd.

They lost me on Bob Nudd. "The legendary Bob Nudd is to fishing as is Lineker to football, Gower to cricket, Carling to rugby."

Nudd, I said, I shall remember that. Good name, should go far.

Has gone far, they said.

There was coffee and mineral water and fine ginger biscuits — better than the ones we have at home. At 11.45 the platform party took their places, Hearn in the middle. On his right two senior men from the National Angling Federation (Naf) — a body that flourished long before the emergence of the word "naf" which is inscribed on their lapels. Two men from Sky sat on his left with one celebrity: the cricketer, Allan Lamb, who looks like an amiable walrus and speaks Zimbabwe. "Fishing is a fentestic dey out; I like getting away from cricket" — which just might be why the England selectors omitted him from the West Indies tour.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Hearn mentions Bob Nudd, explains he is taken by the name Bob Nudd. Nudd is one of the four men in light-blue Naf international blazers; Tommy Pickering, Steve Gardiner and Kevin Ashurst are the others.

For the Fish 'O' Mania, there are to be eight regional heats each involving 300 competitors — the leading two to win places in the final: "No seeds ... and I hope you internationals make it to the last 16. If you don't we shall want you to come to Mallory Park and show how it is done to the television audience."

On the agenda for the day is a competition for 16 celebrities, prize-money to go to charity.

"What sort of celebrities?"

Well, Allan Lamb and possibly David Gower and Ian Botham and Steve Davis "is under contract, does what he is told". It will not be all fishing: there shall be a giant funfair, entertainers, bungee jumping — "Eubank is interested in bungee" — and a huge grandstand holding two or three thousand people so that they can give rousing cheers when big fish are caught and the 45-foot electronic scoreboard flashes up the weight.

Some of us who understand the sedentary ways of fishing look dubious. Some of us who have been told to keep down our voices when passing anglers on lakeside or river bank wonder how the fish will react to the roar of the crowd, let alone the prospect of Eubank bearing down on them from 175ft.

The Naf president announces that he is thrilled at the prospect. The Sky men predict it will be a tremendous success: not a bit like watching grass grow, we'll have nine cameras and we think we're pretty innovative.

This is followed by questions.

"Will there be an underwater camera?"

"Er."

We adjourn to a buffet lunch, also wine. The legendary Nudd talks to a man called Billy who is angling's bookmaker. I ask Billy what sort of odds one will obtain in the final and he says about 4-1 the field ... though if 15 unknowns and Nudd end up in the final, Nudd will be evens and will win — though a lot depends on the pitches they draw. The fishing correspondent from *The Independent* talks to me knowledgeably about the lake at Mallory Park: it is the largest of five, set in the middle of the motor racing circuit and seriously overstocked with fish, who are not given a lot of food so that they swim around looking for bait.

"Will the cheers and the jeers of the young muleteers not frighten them?" I ask.

If they are hungry they'll come up looking for food regardless.

"Is there much cheating?"

There will be many stewards who are anglers themselves and know the scams.

"Will it work?"

It sounds unlikely to me but Hearn's track record is sound and my son, the publicist, says that in this huge participant sport a seven-figure audience would buy a lot of satellite dishes, also make the commercials hugely valuable: a targeted audience is just what the fishing tackle industry is looking for.

If it fails, the dishes could be very useful for preparing carp.

MARC ASPLAND

Bolton and Luton show pedigree

Cup illustrates high quality below top level

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE essence of football, the unexpected, overflowed in the FA Cup on Wednesday. It was not a good night for illustrious clubs from the FA Carling Premiership.

Yet the quality with which Luton Town outplayed Newcastle, the class which Bolton demonstrated over two ties against Arsenal, are not the normal fare of Cup-tie football. They were not victories on unplayable pitches, not in any sense the result of a complacent giant caught on an off night by a cheeky upstart, and there was no mud and no physical excess by the minors.

And Oxford United deserved to out-last Leeds, just as Bristol City had unarguably been more than a match for Liverpool over three games, and nobody has suggested Cardiff City stole their victory over Manchester City.

So, in a season when the top division has a mere seven representatives in the last 16 — there have not been so few since the war — there are profound and heartwarming implications.

First among these is the evidence to suggest that all of football's cream is not rising to the Premiership. Second, and most obvious at Luton and Bolton, is the impression that good managers, or coaches if you will, are spending their time in the lower league clubs, working creatively with players they pick up either for a song or on the free market.

Bruce Rioch, and his assistant, Colin Todd, are guiding Bolton on the knowledge acquired during their days as two gifted performers. Rioch always laced his smoothness with a blade of steel, and his ability to find Jason McAteer from Marine reserves and then to work with him on the training ground until the 22-year-old has become a wanted man, evidently paid dividends against Arsenal.

Those paying a handsome salary to George Graham, the Arsenal manager, might ask questions about the pragmatism of his "successful" side, the lack season after season of a player groomed or purchased to be anything like the playmaker McAteer could become.

And, considering Graham's Millwall past, they might wonder why it was Rioch who was able to go to Millwall and, for just £125,000, obtain a striker as elusive, as controlled and as prolific as John McGinlay.

At Luton, Pleat has made do with players either long in the tooth or just cutting their baby teeth as footballing apprentices. How splendidly that blend proved itself against Newcastle; the soothing resilience of Trevor Peake, 37, holding in defence, and the brave, ever-willing mobility up front of Scott Oakes, who may yet become more famous for his art than his father, Trevor, the lead guitarist in the pop group, Showaddywaddy.

Oakes was involved in the supreme moment of the Cup so far this season. In the 72nd minute he had been subjected to a "tackle" from behind by Barry Venison. Five minutes later, Oakes had the courage and the self-belief to burst like a thoroughbred from the half-way line, deliberately to take the ball close to Venison, to invite and skip aside from another lunging tackle, and to create for himself the second goal of the night, ending Newcastle's hopes.

It was splendid optimism, genuine class. And when afterwards Oakes confirmed that he had enjoyed the moment he drew Venison's second sting, we knew we were listening to a pupil of the game who will not lack for inner strength and application. Pleat, his proud manager, said afterwards: "We are a relatively B-grade club, but we've made progress. We never felt we could win the FA Cup, but if players want to dream, they can."

Players like Oakes do not see it as the impossible dream. Down the decades there have been many cup heroes of that inclination, and there are some still waiting — possibly even the part-timers of Kidderminster Harriers, who face a vulnerable West Ham in the next round.

Apart from Manchester United, the only team in the top seven of the Premiership still alive in the cup, the pedigree of 1994 is supposedly thin. But that assumes that pedigree comes with wealth, and it overlooks the suspicion that those clubs chasing the television and sponsorship profits have grown complacent in their superiority and may have stopped working on anything other than pragmatic systems on their training grounds.

You could never accuse Rioch or Pleat of that. On Wednesday night, as the tension of the Newcastle game at Kenilworth Road reached its pinnacle, Pleat was caught by the television cameras on his feet shouting: "Pass, pass, pass."

It is significant that this man, always approachable, always with something educative to impart about the game, put his name forward for the England job when others, including his adversary on Wednesday, Kevin Keegan, felt the time was not right. The fact that Pleat was not taken seriously may yet have a poignant twist when the FA hierarchy turn up at the Cup final in May.

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FA CUP

Fifth round

Bolton Wanderers v Aston Villa
Bristol City v Charlton Athletic
Cardiff City v Luton Town
Kidderminster Harriers v West Ham United
Oldham Athletic v Barnsley
Oxford United v Chelsea
Wimbledon v Manchester United
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Ipswich Town
Ties to be played on February 19, 20 and 21



Gary Mabbutt back in action yesterday, 79 days after sustaining facial injuries in a clash with John Fashanu, the Wimbledon striker, that threatened his career. Mabbutt was unscathed after playing 60 minutes of a Tottenham XI's 1-1 draw with a Chelsea under-21 side at Spurs' Mill Hill training ground. "There were no problems," he said. "I should be available for the first team in two to three weeks.

Worthing sound warning to Enfield

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

AT THE fifth attempt, Worthing played their FA Trophy first-round tie against Marlow on Monday and like Carshalton Athletic before them, the Diadora League premier division leaders were sent packing, 3-0, by the first division side. So Enfield, complete with Graham Roberts, their player-manager, and John Burridge, the newly signed 42-year-old goalkeeper, must approach their task in the second round at Woodside Road tomorrow with caution.

Gerry Armstrong, the Worthing manager, having taken a day trip to Belfast for a 45-minute interview for the job of Northern Ireland manager, the result of which he will now hear next week, said: "We played very well. We seem to play some of our best football against the bigger clubs. Like any cup run, we want to take it as far as we can."

Armstrong, who took over at Worthing at Christmas 1991 when they were bottom of the second division, believes his side can still make a run to challenge for promotion to the premier division, in which they twice finished second at the start of a four-year spell from 1983 to 87. "The board has worked really hard and we have reduced debts by £50,000," he said. "It is a club of great potential."

Dave Russell, the Marlow manager, said: "I hold my hands up to Worthing, they thoroughly deserved it. I think Enfield will have their work cut out." Russell's squad was down to bare bones, their experienced forward, Tim Buzaglo, flying out to Kenya on the afternoon of the match for 3½ weeks in his other sporting role as rock of the Gibraltar batting in the ICC Trophy cricket competition.

Colwyn Bay, of the Northern Premier League, worked hard to earn their tie against Southport, playing two replays with extra time before beating Stalybridge Celtic last week. Bryn Jones, the manager, will have to do without Graham Roberts and Steve Jones, who each scored, first in a 2-2 draw then a 2-1 win, through suspension. A crowd of 600 should help a club that has to survive on an average 200, exiled 45 miles from home at Ellesmere Port, while still pleading with the Football Association of Wales to be allowed to return home.

The scoreline of the week was Farnborough Town 7 Chelmsford City 6. Farnborough were 1-0 down after two minutes, 3-1 up after 16 and 5-2 ahead at half-time. Chelmsford then hauled back to 6-6 before Peter Terry, a substitute, scored the winner with his first touch.

Terry Parr, the secretary, said: "Afterwards we said to them we were without our regular goalkeeper, Maik Taylor, and central defenders Dean Coney and Bradley Pratt. That is our excuse. What's yours?"

On the night when Charlton Athletic beat Blackburn Rovers in the FA Cup, Parr did not take long to recollect the last 7-6 scoreline he had witnessed, when Charlton came from 5-1 down to beat Huddersfield Town in December 1957.

When actions speak louder than words



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

There has never been much of a case for the immediate post-match interview; there is even less of one after Saturday, when Gavin Hastings appeared on television and could not hold back bitter tears of regret, never mind anything approaching sensible comment on the 111th rugby union encounter between England and Scotland.

Whoever wins the contract to show domestic rugby union, I hope they scrap the ludicrous idea that sportsmen involved in the tumult of the international arena are likely to add to the sum of our knowledge by having a microphone strapped on as they step back into the tunnel for a series of banal questions — which provoke, of course, banal answers.

Do television producers listen to what is said on these occasions or are they happy merely to have a famous face on screen before they go off the air? What could Will Carling say beyond expressing a sense of relief that England had stolen the Calcutta Cup by the skin of their teeth? "A win is a win" about summed it up. At least he did not drop into soccer-speak and claim that England achieved a result.

As for Hastings, he gave the lie to the adage that strong men don't cry. There was only one place that the Scotland captain should have been immediately the match at Murrayfield had ended: he had already passed his congratulations to Jonathan Callard, his opposite number, on the penalty kick which had snatched victory from Scotland's grasp and should have been left alone with his team.

Hastings must have wanted to share their sorrow and pride. The captain's job is to tell his players they have done well, that they can hold their heads up, rather than blinking into the unforgiving eye of the camera.

In France the intrusion is at its worst. No sooner is the whistle blown than the man with the microphone is on the turf, alongside the captain or the player who has kicked the vital goal, or scored the winning try, amid a mob of ballboys seeking an autograph. The French players seem to cope, though their comments may be as banal as the next man's. Perhaps the reporters are more discerning in selecting their victims.

Does it make good television? Does the sheer immediacy of it all appeal? You could argue that nothing revealed the emotional intensity of "amateur" sport — never mind those who are paid directly for playing — more than the drawn, haggard appearance of the Scotland captain. But to my mind there is no justification for exposing Hastings, who copes better than many with the demands of the media, or anyone else to the camera's peep-show.

There are few enough private corners to which sportsmen can retreat these days. The dressing-room should be one of them, where players can compose their thoughts, come to terms with victory or defeat, knowing well that the world will be waiting for them immediately they leave their sanctuary.

That is the nature of the Nineties, when sport has an illusory importance. The game itself builds the individual, winning and losing establishes character: it is those in administration, in the media, and supporters who deal in credit and blame, and who make the game appear far more important than it is.

It is enough that custom now demands the appearance of captain, coach and manager for interview some 30 minutes after the game is over. For the most part, these are also occasions of stunning banality, but at least by that stage on Saturday Hastings had regained composure and could draw an effective comparison with the past, a past which involved three of his much-maligned British Isles forwards from last summer in New Zealand.

Maybe CSI, the company advising the four home unions on the market value of their television contract, which is likely to be decided in March with bidding said to start at £20 million, could do worse than bring in a brief clause prohibiting access to players until a "reasonable" time had elapsed after the event. It would do us all a favour.

Mann's persistence pays

FROM MEL WEBB IN TENERIFE

AFTER playing tournament golf on and off in Europe since 1975 without once getting close to the winner's circle, Robin Mann reckons he is still improving at the age of 38. Mann's self-belief sounds suspiciously like incurable optimism taking precedence over reason, but he went some way towards justifying his claim yesterday when he shared the lead in the Tenerife Open at Golf del Sur.

Mann, whose 67, five under par, was equalled near the end of the day by Jose Maria Cañizares, the veteran Spaniard, finished 157th in the European money list last season, which sentenced him to his eleventh visit to the Tour qualifying school. Many would have given up long before, but whatever else Mann is, he does not lack persistence.

He failed to get his card by a stroke at the school, but, undaunted, he is back for more this year. One of the personable Mann's few small claims to fame is that he is the only tournament golfer in Suffolk, which on the face of it sounds about as distinguished as being the only sailor in the Sahara, but for the first time in his long career it has actually done him a bit of good this year.

He is the director of golf at the Fynn Valley Golf Centre near Ipswich, and Tony Tyrrell, the owner of the centre, is one of seven East Anglian businessmen who have backed him to the tune of £10,000 to sponsor his occasional sallies into Europe this season. He had eight birdies and three bogeys, and although cursing a frailty on the inadequately prepared, grainy greens that led him to three-putt three of the last five holes, was still satisfied enough with his performance.

Cañizares, who will be 47 a week today, had three birdies on a front nine of 33, but did not thrust his way to the top of the leader board until he birdied two of the last three holes. Mann and Cañizares are a stroke in front of Diego Borrego, a young Spaniard, and Wayne Riley, the 1991 Australian Open champion, with Bill Malley, of the United States, a further stroke behind.

Mark James, the defending champion, had a 71, while Jose Maria Olazábal, who was bemoaning his lack of form the previous day, was no happier after a 73 that included six birdies, five bogeys and a double bogey. Olazábal was supposed to be the star of the show here. Yesterday, he found himself effortlessly upstaged by an unexpected leading Mann.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: R Mann, J M Cañizares (Sp). 68: D Borrego (Sp), W Riley (Aus). 69: B Malley (US), P Curry. 70: H P Thul (Ger), J C Quiros (Sp), C Brooks, D Smyth, M Besancenay (Fr), S Cage, C Cavaer (Fr), D Rey. 71: C Williams, M Gronberg (Swe), M Piñero (Sp), A Collinson, J Metcalfe, A Hare, J Robson, G J Brand, M James, T Gogele (Ger), P Hedblom (Swe), M Roe, R Claydon, J M Carriles (Sp).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (65275)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54405817)
9.05 **Kilroy** (7076169) **9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (5703053)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9738324) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3208459)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday *magazine (s) (38994527)*
12.15 Pebble Mill. (s) (9510576) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (55082324)
1.00 News *(Ceefax) and weather (43492)*
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49077072) **1.50 The** ***Travel Quiz*** *with Andi Peters (s)* (16699017) **2.20 Holiday** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (43744362)
2.50 The Flying Doctors. (Ceefax) (s) (3118362)
3.35 Cartoon (9253633) **3.45 Open a Door** (7775985) **3.50 Moomin** (4885985) **4.15 Jackanory: Thin Air** (7354817) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (Ceefax) (s) (6982169)
4.55 ***Newsround Extra.*** A report from Mexico on the captive killer whale that inspired the film *Free Willy (7492169) 5.10* ***Grange Hill.*** (Ceefax) (s) (2210237)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (587689). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (140)
6.30 Regional news magazines (492). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Home Truths. *The celebrity guests are* Tim Rice, Carol Thatcher and Clive Mantle. (Ceefax) (s) (9140)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. A look at a pollution-seeking *laser that* is probing the upper reaches of the atmosphere and, as the first trains begin rumbling *through the Channel* tunnel, the latest developments in underground technology. (Ceefax) *(s)* (904)
8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Rodney and Cassandra celebrate their engagement, but Rodders is feeling low (r). (Ceefax) (s) (678140)
8.50 Drive. Why do new drivers have more accidents? (Ceefax) (s) (987053)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons (Ceefax) and weather (6661)
9.30 Love Hurts. Frank and Tessa are delayed from *returning to* London by his obsession with buying a vineyard. (Ceefax) (s) (153188). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson *on the Box 10.25* Love Hurts 11.15-12.45am Film: Shaker Run



Telly Savalas in the role of bad guy (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: The Dirty Dozen (1967). Twelve condemned American soldiers are given the chance to escape the noose by going on a near-suicidal mission to Nazi-occupied France. Screened in tribute to Telly Savalas who died recently. Directed by Robert Aldrich. (Ceefax) (72672072). **Wales:** All Our Lives 10.50 Film: The Dirty Dozen 1.15-2.45 Snooker
12.45 Snooker – The Masters. Highlights of the last quarter-finals from the Wembley Conference Centre (s) (830164) **2.15 Weather** *(7814909)*

BBC2

6.45 **Open University:** Animal Physiology: A Natural Approach (6280904) **7.10** Ecology: Seals *(6119169) 7.35* Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands (8486904)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2329053)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4270966)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Education programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Charlie Chalk (23264275) **1.35-1.40** Bump (90742546)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (11412850) **2.15 Open View** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (32426904)
2.20 Sport on Friday. Coverage of the quarter-finals of *the Masters snooker tournament* from Wembley Conference Centre and a preview of the 17th Winter *Olympics which open tomorrow in Lillehammer,* Norway (8077169). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and *weather at* ***3.00*** *and* ***3.50*** *(7754492)*
4.00 Snooker – The Masters More action from the quarter-finals (s) (6817)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. (Ceefax) (312850)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Napoleon and Ilya search for a spy writer. (Ceefax) (124053)
7.15 The Living Soap. *Nearing St Valentine's Day, the* thoughts of the six Manchester students are on sex *rather than romance (s) (153237)*
7.45 The Great British Garden Show. The last in the *series comes from the Jersey Autumn Show.* Ruth Langsford finds 40 different varieties of apple and *meets an 85-year-old woman who grows* spectacular orchids. (Ceefax) (s) (152508)
8.15 **Winter Olympics 1994: Lillehammer.** Steve Rider and Sue Barker, who will host BBC coverage of the games, preview the action (945324)
9.00 Red Dwarf. Science fiction comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (8633)



Paul Smith on British design talent (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE *BBC Design Awards 1994* (39140)
10.00 Blackadder II. An embarrassing incident with a turnip, an ostrich feather and a fat aunt leads to chaos (r). (Ceefax) (s) (99940)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (979508)
11.15 Fantasy Football League (Ceefax) (437701). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 *Fantasy Football* League 12.15am The Ferguson Theory 12.40-1.05 *The Ren and Stimpy Show*
11.45 The Ferguson Theory. Comedy (Ceefax) (348459)
12.10am The Ren and Stimpy Show. Off-beat cartoon (r) (1343102) **12.35 Weather** (6641980)

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CHOICE

Faces of the Family: the Matriarch
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Mavis Nicholson presents a six-part series on the family of Pauline Crabbe, who arrived from Jamaica just after the First World War and became Britain's first black magistrate. *We meet her as she celebrates* her twenty-fourth wedding anniversary, an event *which brings together four generations, different* cultures and a variety of experience, much of it painful. *In the first programme the focus is on Crabbe herself.* She reflects honestly and intelligently on the failure of her previous marriages, her experience as a single parent and her attempts to combine motherhood and a career. *She reckons that if the nuclear family is under* threat, the extended family could be making a comeback. *Certainly she rejoices in her own.*

BBC Design Awards 1994
BBC2, 9.30pm

Alexei Sayle launches the BBC's first design competition for four years, in a jocular style which contains serious points. The main one is that British designers are often more appreciated abroad. The overall winner last time was a new type of syringe for diabetics. It has sold in its millions — in Denmark. The inventor of a revolutionary vacuum cleaner spent three years trying to market the idea in Britain and six weeks getting it accepted in Japan. But there is praise for a student block at the University of East Anglia and an Inland Revenue office in Nottingham. The BBC awards are in three categories: architecture, products and graphics. Viewers will be able to nominate designs and choose the eventual winner.



Nichola McAuliffe has a Spanish fling (ITV, 8.30pm)

Surgical Spirit
ITV, 8.30pm

The hospital comedy is a well-worn genre and for all its pace and jollity *Surgical Spirit* seemed too fragile to last. Surely we would tire of Nichola McAuliffe's acerbic surgeon and her on-off romance with the towering Dr Haslam (Duncan Preston)? On the contrary. For here we are, several series later, and Peter Learmouth's creation is still in robust good health. *The show is slicker than it looks. Just watch* how one smooth scene merges into another, one joke *following another in brisk succession, never* outstaying its welcome. The writing, though by *various hands, has evolved a consistent style notable* for the quality of its invective. *Surgical Spirit may exist mostly on the surface but it is a highly polished one.*

The Chief
ITV, 9.00pm

Setting up plot strands that seem destined to reappear in future episodes, the East Anglian police drama turns to drugs. Michael Russell's script lands Chief Constable Cade (Martin Shaw) with parallel headaches. On the one hand he has to reconcile divisions within his force over how to deal with local pushers. At the same time he is being investigated over a case from his past in which a heroin dealer was fitted-up. All of which allows him little time for his new girlfriend (Ingrid Lacey), who arrived to brush up his public relations and stayed for more intimate ones. *Thank goodness for that, you may say. The strength of The Chief lies in its dissection of police politics, not its* peeps into the bedroom. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (894850) **9.00 Top of the Morning** with Amanda Redington (8469169)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show (s) (8462258) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext) Weather (3284879)*
10.00 The Time . . . The Place presented by John Stapleton (s) (2128879)
10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine programme (32988966) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8878879)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(Teletext) and weather* (3905904)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (s) (3980695) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama *(Teletext) (97686324)*
1.55 Capital Woman. A look at things to do in the half term break and how children deal with the trauma of a parent's death (s) (29744986)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (43714121) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Scottish drama serial (3204256)
3.20 News (Teletext) (8076459) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8068430)
3.30 The Magic House (9230782) **3.45 Cartoons** *(r)* (7784633) **3.55 Zzzap!** (4888072) **4.15** ***Dreamstone*** *(8817850)* **4.40 Just Us** (Teletext) (s) (2001072)
5.10 ***Home and Away*** *(r). (Teletext) (5580633)*
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (335695)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (21121)
7.00 Celebrity Squares hosted by Bob Monkhouse. (Teletext) (s) (1508)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (512)
8.00 ***The Bill: Cutting It.*** DS Greig pursues a dangerous pimp. (Teletext) (3576)
8.30 CHOICE **Surgical Spirit: On the Rebound.** (Teletext) (2091)



All work and no play for Lacey, Shaw (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Chief.** Starring Martin Shaw. *(Teletext) (s) (9614)*
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville (Teletext) and *weather (99986)*
10.30 FILM: Full Exposure – The Sex Tapes Scandal (1989) starring Lisa Hartman as an assistant district attorney who risks her life to solve the murder of a prostitute Directed by Noel Nosseck (31614343)
12.15am London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (6018314)
12.25 Whose Round Is It Anyway? John Leslie and Mandy Smith present the pub quiz show (6570560)
12.55 Whale On. Late-night music and discussion (s) (7788831)
1.55 ITV Chart Show. Featuring Anita Baker singing *Sweet Love* (s) (7662589)
2.50 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1638096)
3.20 ***TXT*** *with Rhona Cameron* (4696541)
4.00 Noisy Mothers. Music magazine (12657)
5.00 Sportsworld (s) (64638)
5.30 ITN Morning News *(54102). Ends at* ***6.00***

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6251492)
7.00 The Big Breakfast *Early-morning mayhem with* Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (66343)
9.00 Sabotage. All-women quiz game show presented by Maria McErlane (s) (14343)
9.30 Schools. Eureka! (r) (5708508) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (r) (5729091) **10.00** Fourways Farm (r) (9922850) **10.12** Beat That (3204633) **10.40** Off Limits (9793695) **11.06** Eurokids (6838188) **11.22** Stage One (r) (7629140) **11.40** How We Used to Live (r) (3789850)
12.00 House to House with Maya Even (49409)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series for the under-fives. With guest Cab Calloway (67140)
1.30 Take 5 Cartoons for younger viewers *Mr Men; Further Tales of the Riverbank, Natalie; Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (43343)
2.00 FILM: The Marrying Kind (1952, b/w) starring Judy Holliday and Aldo Ray as an estranged couple *reliving their marriage in front of a divorce court* judge. Directed by George Cukor (941879)
3.40 An Italian Girl in Algiers Animated tale of abduction (9234508)
3.55 ***The Pulse*** Medical magazine (r). (Teletext) (6735256)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (985)
5.00 Cutting Edge: The Club. A look at the running of an exclusive golf club (r) (Teletext) (s) (1121)
6.00 Blossom. American comedy show. (Teletext) (s) (850)
6.30 Happy Days Chachi *is torn between his career* and Joanie. (Teletext) (430)
7.00 ***Channel 4 News*** *with* Zeinab Badawi and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext) Weather (505324)
7.50 First Reaction (s) (754492)



Mavis Nicholson explores family life (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Faces of the Family: The Matriarch** (8898)
8.30 ***Brookside*** *(Teletext) (s) (8643)*
9.00 Nature Perfected: Gardens of Conquest Tonight's programme reflects on the perfection of the Taj Mahal tomb garden and looks at the combination of Indian and European influences in Lutyens' gardens in Delhi. (Teletext) (s) (3701)
9.30 Home Improvement: Adventures in Fine Dining. American comedy series starring Tim Allen as the host of a television show. (Teletext) (s) (31508)
10.00 ***Roseanne.*** *Cult American comedy series* (Teletext) (s) (99968)
10.30 The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller. In the last show of the series, the gruesome twosome go behind the scenes of the Magic Circle with actor Christopher Reeve. (Teletext) (s) (251614)
11.05 The Word with Terry Christian, Dani Behr, Mark Lamarr and Huffty (s) (431188)
12.10am FILM: Roustabout (1964) starring Elvis Presley *as a carnival handyman whose singing soon* elevates him to greater heights. Directed by John *Rich (659473). Ends at* ***2.00***

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Kevin Greening (**FM** only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (**FM** from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart at the BBC Holiday Live 94 exhibition at *Olympia* ***5.05*** *John Dunn* ***7.00*** *Let's Do* the Show Right Here! **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.30** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

6.00am *World Service* **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Primary RE; **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies; **10.00** Music Workshop: Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Over the Moon . Sick as a Parrot **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John *Inverdale's Drive-In* ***6.30*** *Golden Pavements:* Sequel to *The Swish of the Curtain*, by Pamela Brown (1/5) **7.15** The Devil in the Dustbin (5/5) **7.30** Popcall: 0345 909693 **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Teen Luve: What Are Friends For? **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Rise and Fall of Apartheid **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *Mittagsmagazin: News in German Noon* World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** The Rise and Fall of Apartheid **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *To the Lighthouse* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** *News* **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell News in German **5.00** *News* **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup *11.00 News 11.05* World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: *The Stuff of Dreams* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a theme of Corelli) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture); Delius (Piano Concerto in C minor); Britten (Matinées musicales; Soirées musicales); Tchaikovsky (Symphony *No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)* ***10.00*** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert *Booth*

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Gary King **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (49072527) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7674492) **5.10** Travel Trails (5580633) **6.00** Home and Away (349904) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (755072) **10.45** Dave Allen (434614) **11.15** And Then You Die (621275) **1.05am** Whale On (2070763) **2.05** Sportsworld (3560102) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9634657) **3.30** Videofashion (75702305) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75787096) **4.25** Night Shift *(83800913) 4.30-5.30 New Music (37152)*

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (49072527) **2.20-2.50** Fashion File (43739430) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8068430) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (5580633) **6.00** Home and Away (349904) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (755072) **10.40** Central Weekend (1256633) **12.10am** Phoenix (651831) **2.00** Whale On (77947) **3.00** The Beat (5214693) ***3.55*** *The Album Show (1165015)* ***4.50*** *Profile* (86069812) **5.10** Night Shift (3969812) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3965096)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55pm Wish You Were Here..? (49072527) **2.20-2.50** Art Works (43739430) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8068430) **6.00** HTV News (508) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (188) **10.40** Late and Live (1256633) **12.10am** Crime Story (5364102) **1.05** Whale On (2070763) **2.05** Sportsworld (3560102) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9634657) **3.30** Videofashion (75702305) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75787096) **4.25** Night Shift (83800913) **4.30-5.30** *New Music (37152).*

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (508) **6.30-7.00** It's a Living (188) **10.30** *HTV Wales News and Weather (441850)* **10.40** Swansea Festival (749896) **11.10** The Big Story (831459) **11.40-12.10pm** Coach (431881)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3284879) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8878879) **1.55** A Country Practice (49072527) **2.20** Take the High Road (43739430) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3204256) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8068430) **5.37** Three Minutes - Your Story (457689) **5.40** ITN Early Evening News, Weather (335695) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (21121) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather *(99986)* ***10.30*** *Meridian News and Weather* (441850) **10.40** Just a Minute (749896) **11.10** Late Night Live (106850) **11.55-12.55pm** Crime Story (581527) **1.55am** New Music (7646541) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1637367) **3.25** America's Top Ten (87214183) **3.55** Noisy Mothers (4906270) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (64638)

TYNE TEES
As London except: *1.55 A Country Practice* (49072527) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5531072) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (788275) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (188) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (441850) ***10.40*** *Robson's Personal Call* (353411) **11.35** The Beast in the Cellar (467324) **1.10am** Whale On (2079034) **2.10** The Big E (1538218) **3.05** The Nuclear Conspiracy (744102) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone (8443164)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Wish You Were Here..? (29744986) **2.25-2.55** Gardener's Diary (43736701) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (21127) **10.40** Billy (749898) **11.10** Van Nuys Blvd (622904) ***1.00am*** *My Story* (9186812) **1.05** Whale On (2070763) **2.05** Sportsworld (3560102) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9634657) **3.30** Videofashion (75702305) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75787096) **4.25** Night Shift (838009131) **4.30-5.30** New Music (37152)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News (8878879) **1.55** A Country Practice (49072527) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5531072) **3.10** Help Yourself (8070275) ***3.15-3.20*** *Five Minutes (6079546)* **3.25-3.30** Calendar/Network North (8068430) **5.55** Calendar/Network North (788275) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (188) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (441850) **10.40** Street *Legal (353411) 11.35 The Beast in the Cellar* (467324) **1.10am** Whale On (2079034) **2.10** The Big E (1538218) **3.05** The Nuclear Conspiracy (744102) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone (8443164)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (66343) **9.00** Sabotage (14343) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (789546) **12.00pm** House To House (43409) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (44072) **1.00** Take Five (69430) **1.30** A Brush With Art (43343) **2.00** *Millions Like Us (670879)* ***3.50*** *Tower Of* Mice (7789188) **4.00** Slot 23 (701) **4.00** Ty Chwith (8836985) **4.20** Joshua Jones. Colyn (1030381) **4.30** Sandiwe (985) **5.00** A Different World Don't Count Your Chickens *Before They're Axed (2614)* ***5.30*** *Countdown* (237) **6.00** Newyddion (412324) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (305695) **6.25** Heno (753614) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2850) **7.30** Jacpot (614) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad Llanciau Pont Cynon (8898) **8.30** Newyddion (8643) **9.00** Aha: Argoelion Mud Dolganiad ar y piano gan Jean Yves Thibaudet (7256) **10.00** Brookside (99968) **10.30** The Unpleasant World Of Penn and Teller (251614) **11.05** The Word (506701)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University
6.55 Weather **7.00** ***On Air:*** Dvořák (Overture, My Home); Susato (Gaillardes); Corelli (Trio Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 2 No 9); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Book 6 Nos 35 and 36); Gounod (Chanson de printemps; A lay of the early spring); Satie (Parade)
9.00 ***Composer of the Week:*** Haydn in England. English Psalms; Berenice, che fai?; Symphony No 104 in D, London; O Tuneful Voice
10.00 Musical Encounters: Mendelssohn (A Midsummer Night's Dream — excerpts); Bartók (Sonata for two pianos and percussion); Ravel (Ma mère l'oye); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 1 in G minor, Winter Daydreams)
12.00 Voices: Fischer-Dieskau Sings Schubert (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber ***Music from Manchester:*** Peter Lawson, piano, plays Rawsthorne (Ballade); Anthony Gilbert (Little Piano Pieces, Op 20b); Geoffrey Poole (Ten); Paul Robinson (The Faraday Wheel)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: The Southern *Methodist University Chamber* Orchestra from Dallas, Texas, under Arkady Fomin; and the Aberdeen International Youth Festival Orchestra under Roland Kieft
4.15 Armand-Louis Couperin: Malcolm Proud plays harpsichord music (r)
4.30 ***Thai Music:*** Prasit Thawon Ensemble performs *Tao* and *Sarama*
5.00 The Music Machine: Mike Edwards argues that computer music can touch the deepest human feelings
5.15 In Tune: Including Schubert (Allegro from String Quartet in D minor, D810, Death and the Maiden); J. Strauss, son, arr Godowsky (Wine, Woman and Song); Stravinsky (Pulcinella — excerpts); Respighi (Suite, The Birds)
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales *under Tadaaki Otaka* performs Takemitsu (Star-isle); *Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in* D: Dmitry Sitkovetsky). **8.15** Plus ça change. Donald Rayfield reflects on the literary output of eastern Europe. **8.35** Shostakovich (Symphony No 5 in D minor)
9.25 Curtain Up: Figaro. Aled Jones tells the story of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*
9.45 Palestrina: Taverner Consort, Choir and Players under Andrew Parrott perform *Palestrina (Missa Ecce Ego* Johannes, Motet, Domine *Deus) (r)*
10.45 Friday Feature: From Rice Paddies to Temples. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Andrew Lewis (Scherzo); Joseph Hyde (to the last syllable, one); *Elizabeth Cairns (Dark Light);* Nono ("Hay que caminar" soñando)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in *Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)*

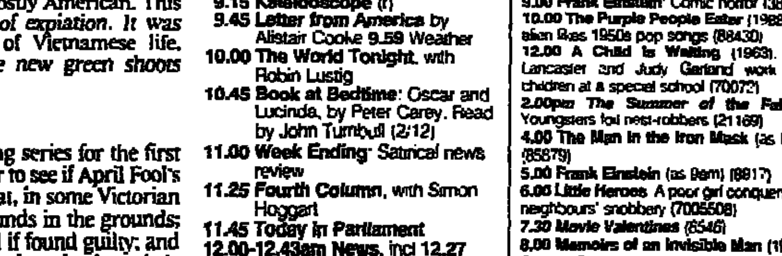
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing, incl* ***6.03*** Weather **6.10** Farming Today *6.25 Prayer for the Day* ***6.30*** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in *Parliament* ***8.58*** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Douglas Adams (r)
9.45 This Land Was Made for You and Me: Robert Silvers, editor of the *New York Review of Books, considers the* magazine's place in *literary and intellectual circles on its* thirtieth anniversary
10.00-10.30 News; Hindsight (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): John *(5/10) (r)*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray *talks to mature students about* the benefits and disadvantages of higher education Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, with Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm ***The Food Programme,*** presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The *War of the End of the World,* by Mario Vargas Llosa (r)
3.00 News; The Odd Couple: Blind athlete Tracey Hinton is guided by Gary Thomas (r)
3.30 Faith, Fact and Fiction: How Graham Greene's Catholicism influenced his writing (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: A *look at the myths and* reputation of Picasso
4.45 Short Story The Exclamation Mark, by Anton Chekhov. Read by Michael Kilgarriff (r)
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast ***5.55*** *Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places, with Janet Trewin and Peter Macann
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Janet Daley, *journalist; Howard Davies,* director-general of the CBI, *Dennis Skinner, MP; and* Nicholas Soames, MP, Agriculture Minister, tackle the issues raised in Paddock Wood, Kent. With Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action, presented by *Marcel Berlins*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey. Read by John Turnbull (2/12)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical news review
11.25 Fourth Column, with Simon Hoggart
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 *Weather* ***12.33*** *Shipping* ***12.43*** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

From Rice Paddies to Temples. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
Producer Peter Croasdale showed less imagination choosing a title for *his colourful documentary than he did in assembling his material. He* chronicles the Vietnamese odyssey a musicologist recently made to his *homeland after a 20-year absence. With him, making recordings of* indigenous music, were half a dozen women, mostly American. This *latter fact gives the programme a dimension of expiation. It was* earlier Americans who devastated so much of Vietnamese life, including its traditional music. *Only now are new green shoots* starting to appear.

Hindsight. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*
If you are coming to Chris Andrew's entertaining series for the first time, you will feel tempted to consult the calendar to see if April Fool's Day has come early this year. But the truth is that, in some Victorian up-market asylums, you really *could* ride to hounds in the grounds; 500 years ago, pigs *were* put on trial and hanged if found guilty; and *frigid wives were* doused in cold water to bring them back *to their* sensuous senses. **Peter Davalle**



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SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (73028614) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5140979) **9.10** Cartoons (4564701) **9.30** Card Sharks (82256) **9.55** Concentration (8927275) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6069140) **10.30** Love at First Sight (52527) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (90324) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (43879) **12.30pm** E Street (86072) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (81527) **2.00** Shogun (75527) **3.00** Another World (2041445) **3.50** DJ Kat (9186459) **5.00** Star *Trek The Next Generation (2879)* ***6.00*** Games World (5072) **6.30** E Street (6324) **7.00** M*A*S*H (3508) **7.30** Full House (3508) **8.00** WWF Mania (19324) **9.00** Crime International (81053) **9.30** Sightings (73508) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (32275) **11.00** Untouchables (11817) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (95522) **1.00am** Night Court (98293) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (31473)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (67625) **9.30** Nightline *(11546)* ***10.30*** *Memories of 1970-91 (61053)* **11.30** Japan Business Today (27411) **12.30pm** News/Business Report (72169) **1.30** CBS News (73898) **2.30** Parliament (97121) **3.30** The Lords (91782) **4.30** *News/Business Report (2121)* ***5.00*** *Live at* Five (367985) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3850) **9.30** Talkback (64850) **11.30** CBS News (77275) **12.30am** ABC World News (57909) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (27015) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (64183) **3.30** Talkback (76928) **4.30** Beyond 2000 *(55386)* ***5.30-6.00*** *CBS News (70164)*

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8536546)
10.00 Fitzwilly (1967) Dick Van Dyke runs a crime ring to finance his elderly boss (97188)
12.00 Against a Crooked Sky (1975). *Western with Richard Boone (72430)*
2.00pm Sergeant Ryker (1968) Courtroom drama with Lee Marvin (60985)
3.30 The Hallelujah Trail (1965) Western starring Burt Lancaster (219850)
6.00 Chameleons *(1989)* A newspaper magnate is found dead, dressed as a superhero (36091)
8.00 Dogfight (1992). Marines compete to date the ugliest girl (99341904)
9.40 US Top Ten (737411)
10.00 Out for Justice (1991) Former friends settle scores (886140)
11.35 My Name Called Bruce Martial arts adventure with Bruce Lee (331614)
1.00am Deadline (1992) A woman hires a hitman to kill a prostitute (4914541)
2.25 Cotton Comes to Harlem (1970): Comedy about Harlem private eyes (389164)
4.00 Taking Back My Life (1992) A rape victim prosecutes her attacker (850763) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm A Big Hand for the Little Lady (1966) Poker-faced Joanne Woodward wins a fortune on the gaming table (21099)
8.00 Man of the West (1958) Powerful western starring Gary Cooper (50841237)
9.55 Missing *(1982)* Jack Lemmon searches for his son (23883430). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am 1001 Arabian Nights Animated adventure for children (29614)
8.00 The Man in the Iron Mask *Swashbuckling children's classic (55459)*
9.00 Frank Einstein Comic horror (38633)
10.00 The Purple People Eater (1988) An alien lives 1950s pop songs (88430)
12.00 A Child is Waiting (1963). Burt *Lancaster and* Judy Garland work with children at a special school (70072)
2.00pm The Summer of the Falcon Youngsters foil nest-robbers (21169)
4.00 The Man in the Iron Mask (as 8am) (85879)
5.00 Frank Einstein (as 9am) (8817)
6.00 Little Heroes A poor girl conquers her neighbours' snobbery (7005508)
7.30 Movie Valentines *(6546)*
8.00 Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992) *Chevy Chase's dilemma is transparent* (17350)
10.00 Kuffs (1992): Christian Slater inherits his brother's police agency (277343)
11.45 The Movie Show (767558)
12.15am The Two Jakes (1990). Jack Nicholson as Jake Gittes (31055183)
2.35 Grand Isle (1991) *A holiday leads to* self-discovery for Kelly McGillis (923657)
4.20-5.40 Little Heroes (as 6pm) (1174386)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (48985) **7.30** Soccer (9783614) **7.45** Netbusters (9788169) **8.00** *Basketball (66817)* ***8.30*** *Tennis (65188)* ***9.00*** Prime Bodies (49140) **9.30** Boot Room (31324) **10.30** Bullinders (21459) **11.30** French Football (63237) **12.30pm** Boots and All (25275) **1.30** Ringside (26904) **2.30** Golf *(81121)* ***4.30*** *World Sports (1275)* ***5.00*** Boot Room (7411) **6.00** Soccer (94188) **7.00** Schoolboys' Football England under-15s v Wales under-15s (590237) **9.00** Soccer (32701) **9.30** Golf (95091) **11.30** Soccer (34063) **12.30am** Schoolboys' Football (54909) **2.30-3.00** World Soccer (91928)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics *(52188)* ***8.00*** *Show* Jumping (31275) **9.00** Eurosk (50879) **10.00** Eurogolf (41072) **11.00** 1992 Winter Olympics (60817) **1.00pm** Free Style Skiing (69492) **2.00** Tennis (9492) **2.30** Basketball *(22508)* ***4.00*** *Ice Hockey (25695)* ***5.30*** Whitbread Race (83430) **6.30** News (8188) **7.00** 1992 Winter Olympics (53817) **9.00** Boxing (35898) **10.30** Shooting (80879) **11.30** Ice Hockey (99411) **12.30-1.00am** *Eurosport News (11947)*

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (4507091) **7.30** Neighbours (4593898) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4983985) **8.30** EastEnders (4982256) **9.00** The Bill (4973508) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (4514411) **10.30** Casualty (1394343) **11.30** The Sullivans *(4118527)* ***12.00*** *Sons and Daughters* (4986072) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1106256) **1.00** EastEnders (4506362) **1.30** The Bill (1106527) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (2093343) **2.30** Bread (5448121) **3.00** Dallas *(4112343)* ***4.00*** *The Colbys (8596917)* ***4.55*** Blankety Blank (76568508) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95768140) **5.55** Sykes (4519362) **6.30** EastEnders (5463430) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (2004459) **7.30** And Mother Makes *Three (5469614)* ***8.00*** *Hannay (2439617)* **9.00** Casualty (2419063) **10.00** The Bill (4987701) **10.30** Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2479879) **11.05** Top of the Pops (5659527) **11.50** Dr Who (5454188) ***12.20am*** *FILM: The Girl in the Picture (1986):* With John Gordon-Sinclair (9027980) **1.55-7.00** Shopping (84514251)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (50573) **6.30** Bobobobs (23463) **7.00** Paddy (4288459) **7.15** *Gravedale High (268362)* ***7.45*** *Pugwall* (287633) **8.15** Head to Head (9826817) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (40166) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (14091) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (38695) **11.00** RatKan II (61237) **11.30** Bobobobs (62966) **12.00** Paddy (5498492) **12.15pm** Gravedale High (893343) **12.45** Pugwall (892614) **1.15** Head to Head (23926256) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (10140) **2.00** Madeline (8850) **2.30** New Shoe People (5370782) **2.45** Babar *(872850)* ***3.15*** *Ratkan II (3710879)* ***3.20*** Newts (2105411) **3.35** Special Feature (4316362) **3.40** Rude Dog (6481985) **3.55** Head to Head (5670985) **4.00** Runaway Bay (7091) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (3275)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Speed Racer (46527) **7.30** Hero Turtles (58362) **8.00** Rugrats (64459) **8.30** Killer Tomatoes (56430) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (47782) **9.30** Kablooey (73695) **10.00** Eureeka's Castle (16898) **10.30** David the Gnome (43966) **11.00** Banana Sandwich (27679) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (28508) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (67546) **12.30pm** Wisdom of the Gnomes (77411) **1.00** Banana Sandwich (45898) **1.30** Janosch (76782) **2.00** Wild Side Show (2966) **2.30** Out of Control (9053) **3.00** Get the Picture *(4701)* ***3.30*** *Killer Tomatoes (1898)* ***4.00*** Speed Racer (3633) **4.30** Hero Turtles (9817) **5.00** Clarissa (8546) **5.30** Guts (6099) **6.00** Rugrats (1322) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (4362)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wild South (8594459) **4.55** Only in Hollywood (64872850) **5.00** Biography: Ronald Reagan (2702053) **5.55** Anne Martin's Postcards (9839940) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4350782) **7.00** Discovery Life! (2095701) **7.30** The Munro Show (6467256) **8.00** Going Places (9483898) **8.50** Sports of the World (3324362) **9.00** *The Deep Probe Expeditions* (2417695) **10.00** Skybound (4985343) **10.30** The X-Planes (4994091) **11.00** Coral Reef *(4190121)* ***11.30*** *Global Family (3106411)*

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Sword of Venus (1953, b/w) The Count of Monte Cristo's son fights treachery (73358701) **1.20pm** FILM: Anchors Aweigh (1943) With Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly *(67487121)* ***4.00*** *Flying Nun (5454169)* ***4.30*** My Three Sons (5453053) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2002091) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5477633) **6.00** Death Valley Days (5474546) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (5465898) **7.00** *Mothers-in-Law (2099527)* ***7.30*** *Smothers* Brothers (5454782) **8.00** The Avengers (2424985) **9.00** FILM: Monster from Green Hell (1957 b/w) Giant wasps mutate (4123459) **10.30** Donny and Marie *(4998617)* ***11.00*** *Get Smart (4127275)* ***11.30*** Twilight Zone (3102237)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (9250968) **8.00** Family Matters (1017362) **8.30** Rendezvous (1016633) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6269256) **10.00** Dr Rush (4159362) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (1221986) **11.30** Fish *Course (3392188)* ***12.00*** *Stars and Signs* (77026701) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58945072) **12.30** Divorce Court (9066782) **1.00** Home Wise (5590701) **1.30** Rendezvous (9065053) **2.00** Agony Hour (4150091) ***3.00*** *Living (7233430)* ***3.45*** Gladrags (69839966) **4.00** Definition (1861879) **4.30** Infatuation (1803091) **5.00** Musiquest (2753017) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5535614) **5.45** Kilroy (9529558) **6.30** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (1882508) **7.00** Definition (2858661) **7.30** That's Amore *(1871492)* ***8.00*** *Young and the Restless* (2311411) **9.00** FILM: Frances (1982), Jessica Lange as 1930s starlet Frances Farmer (9618527) **11.30** That's Amore (4156546) **12.00** Agony Hour (3650724)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm *Big Brother Jake (2430)* ***5.30*** *Zorro* (4527) **6.00** The Wonder Years (4140) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (5492) **7.00** All Clued Up (9966) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (4904) **8.00** Altogether New (8614) **8.30** GP (7121) ***9.00*** *Lou Grant (99508)* ***10.00*** *Trivial Pursuit* (90661) **10.30** Entertainment Now (80411) **11.00** Remington Steele (39324) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (83096)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (643158) **8.00** VJ Ingo (627140) **11.00** Soul (50817) **12.00** Greatest Hits (32362) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (405695) **3.30** The Report (6494459) **3.45** At the Movies (6482614) **4.00** News (6806817) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6881140) **4.30** Dial MTV (5633) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (93985) **7.00** Greatest Hits (95782) **8.00** Most Wanted (54121) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (32091) **10.00** The Report (428411) **10.15** At the Movies (423966) **10.30** News (290188) **10.45** 3 from 1 (288343) **11.00** *On the Prize* (86964) **11.30** The Pulse (23275) **12.00** VJ Marijne (64454) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (35724) **2.00-5.00** Videos (3789947)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (70169) **7.00** Regional News (40430) **7.30** Asian Morning (36237) **8.00** Hindi News (97701) **8.30** Urdu News (8521071) **8.45** English News (3571576) **9.00** Nangey Paon (18817) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Jeene Ki Aarzoo (363430) **1.00pm** Nukkad (49701) **1.30** Pakistani FILM (282091) **4.30** Kiddie Time (8071) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6091) **7.00** Sportsworld (6782) **7.30** ID Youth (1166) **8.00** English News (838188) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Agar (87977182) ***11.15*** *Berzekh (484968)* ***12.05am*** *Five Past* Midnight (8241299) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35069880)

TNT
Theme: Leslie Howard and Leslie Nielsen
7.00pm Ransom (1956, b/w): A rich man resorts to desperate measures to rescue his kidnapped son (99917508)
9.00 The Opposite Sex (1956) A society woman divorces her husband (28109072)
11.10 Hot Summer Night *(1957, b/w).* A reporter interviews a gangster (31052368)
12.50am Never the Twain Shall Meet (1931, b/w) A wealthy businessman falls for a Polynesian woman (70681102)
2.20 Smilin' Through (1932, b/w) A man tries to accept the death of his bride 50 years earlier (28854831). Ends at **3.55**

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Spinner redeems wayward display by fast bowlers

Tufnell points way for England

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BARBADOS

THOSE who cling to the conviction that England's one hope of competing with the West Indies this winter is by matching their monopoly of seam must surely think again. Spin, when bowled as impressively as it was by Philip Tufnell here yesterday, offers them a rare glimpse of supremacy.

Already this week, Ian Salisbury had reminded us that he is not here merely as a reliable *net bowler by taking six* wickets in Antigua with his wrist spin. Now, with his pole position under threat, Tufnell responded with a controlled confidence which dared England to exclude him from next week's first Test match in Kingston, Jamaica. Hopefully, they will not be so foolish.



Have you ever wanted to pick the England cricket team? Play *The Times* 1st XI game today on page 38.

Brought on, by Michael Atherton, after Barbados had plundered 63 runs from 13 overs of variable fast bowling, Tufnell contained and frustrated batsmen whose inclination was to see him out of the attack. Only the occasional ball turned but Tufnell's loop, line and length were so immaculate that, for more than two hours, he conceded barely a run an over while the fast men were conceding upwards of four.

His figures concealed such excellence and it was Devon Malcolm who took the first four wickets to fall, but Barbados, who chose to bat on a bare and blameless pitch, might have been in distress by late afternoon but for some worrying fielding lapses by England. Four catches were spilled, three close to the wicket and one, a straightforward return chance, by Tufnell himself.

It is too soon to be dogmatic about Tufnell's prospects. His track record is that of a talented rogue, his quality evident only when motivation overcomes all other distractions. In India last winter, this was seldom, if ever, the case.

Now, with a captain who accommodates if not entirely understands him, and in an environment that better suits his social nature, his career is showing signs of recapturing *the bloom that had withered* so wastefully.

The stubble and the ten-to-two shuffle are the same as ever, even if he has now topped off the image by joining the blue-tint sunshades set. But there is a determination in Tufnell's body language that has not always been evident when previously he has played overseas. If Atherton can nourish it in the coming weeks, it may yet represent England's most negotiable currency.

As ever with Tufnell, the tour will proceed on a temperamental tightrope. His reaction to adversity remains transparently sulky and even here, when bowling so splendidly, he over-reacted to what seemed a frivolous warning for straying on to the pitch, lost concentration and offered his first half-volleys in 17 overs.

It was, in truth, a day to test anyone's concentration. Dark, scudding clouds, of the type that have accompanied England *everywhere so far*, first delayed and then interrupted play, which, throughout, was conducted to such a background of drilling and hammering on a new stand that it was like spending seven hours in a dentist's chair.

England disposed of Desmond Haynes, who had made a late decision to play in what may be his last first-class match for his native island, in the fifth over. Devon Malcolm drew him forward on off stump and the ball clipped the shoulder of the bat on its way to first slip. If only they can dismiss him so readily when it most matters.

Philo Wallace, who seems unlikely to add to his ten one-day internationals after being disciplined for dissent three times in a year, batted with panache to reach 50, from 47 balls, with a pulled six off Fraser.

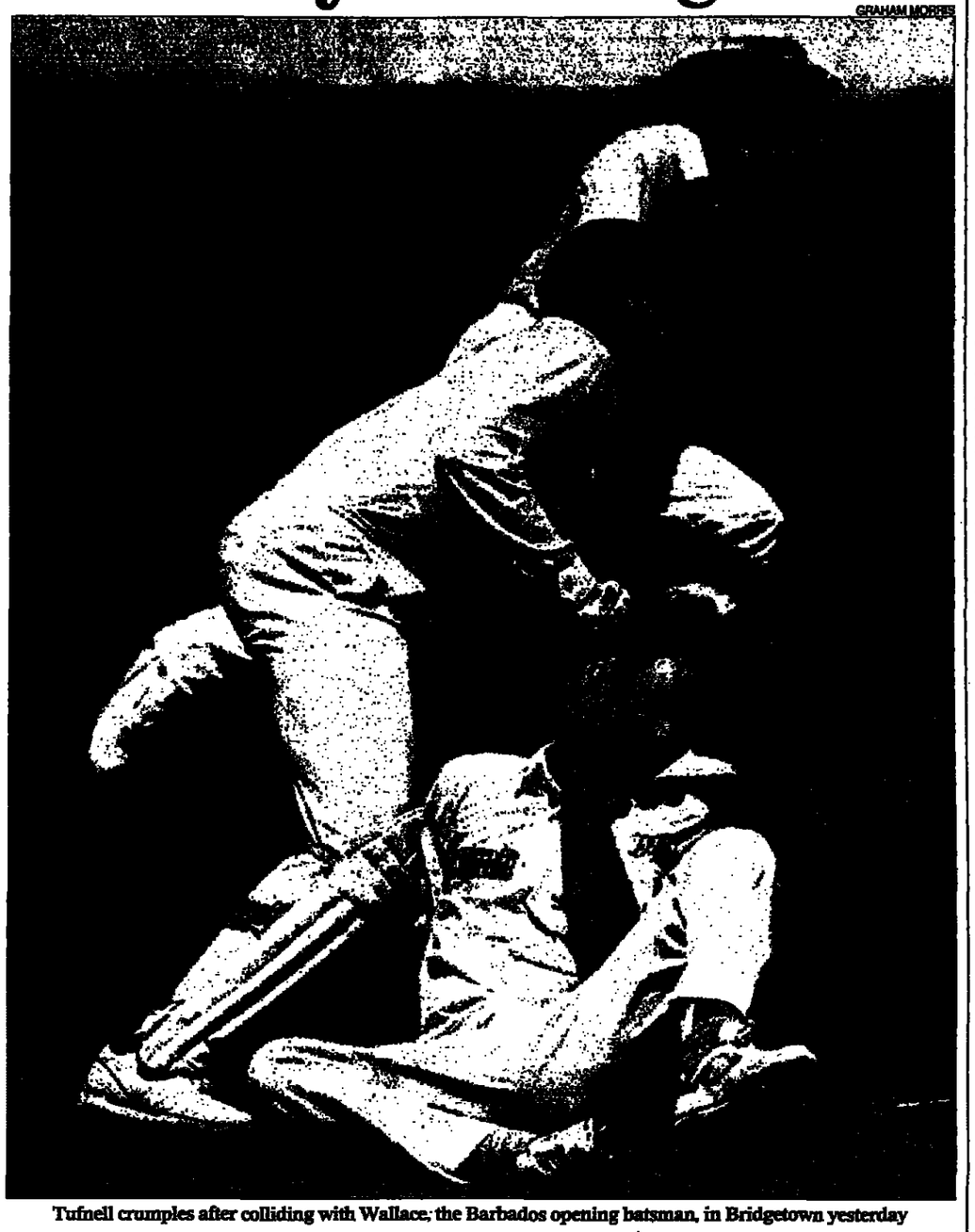
He had been reprieved by Hick, at second slip, off Alan Igglesden, who otherwise spoilt some good overs with some loose ones and still looks a rank outsider for the Test side.

Wallace fell to a good, tumbling catch by Ramprakash at backward point after adding 82 with Sherwin Campbell, who then brought up 100 by hooking Malcolm into the knot of construction workers on the top tier of the stand.

Campbell, a former captain of West Indies Under-19, played some vivid strokes in making 83 before dragging a short ball from Malcolm on to his stumps.

The fast bowler, growing in confidence, then swiftly captured another victim when he removed the new batsman, Puckerin, for six.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Tufnell crumples after colliding with Wallace, the Barbados opening batsman, in Bridgetown yesterday

BARBADOS: First Innings

D L Haynes c Thorpe b Malcolm	6
P A Wallace c Ramprakash b Malcolm	57
S G Campbell b Malcolm	83
*R I C Holder not out	27
L C Puckerin c Smith b Malcolm	6
†C O Browne not out	0
Extras	8
Total (4 wkts)	187

W E Reid, V C Drakes, O D Gibson, S M Skeete and D M Maynard to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14 2-96, 3-179, 4-187.

ENGLAND XI: *M A Atherton, A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, R A Smith, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, †R C Russell, A R C Fraser, A P Igglesden, P C R Tufnell, D E Malcolm.

Umpires: H Moore and D Holder.

McColgan's withdrawal accelerates pursuit of Chinese

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LIZ McColgan, the world's highest-paid marathon runner, male or female, has withdrawn from this year's NutraSweet London Marathon. However, the appearance of the championship-winning and record-breaking Chinese women's squad remains a possibility.

McColgan, 29, is in training *but said she would not be fit* enough to run well on April 17. McColgan's withdrawal will heighten speculation that she is finished as an international force. Her decision places a heavier onus on David Bedford, the elite field director, to ensure that the Chinese squad lines up.

"I have allocated a budget for the best they can send," Bedford said, referring to his approaches, through the Chinese federation, for Wang Junxia, McColgan's successor as 10,000 metres world champion, and her compatriots, Zhang Linli and Zhang Lirong, who finished second and third behind Wang in the World Cup marathon in October. "We believe we are in with a shout," Bedford added.

Katrin Dorre, of Germany, the London women's race winner for the past two years, has signed to try for the treble and Eamonn Martin, the British 10,000 metres record-holder, is going for a second successive men's London victory. *But even Martin's two-*year deal, which is understood to be worth between £200,000 and £250,000 excluding prize-money, is less than McColgan's average for three appearances.

Bedford described Martin as "the most expensive athlete in the men's field"; McColgan's deal, for three races in four years, beginning with last year, was close to £500,000.

For McColgan, injury followed disappointing runs last year in the world cross-country championship and London Marathon, in which she finished third, preventing her from defending her 10,000 metres and half-marathon world titles.

She was said to be suffering a knee injury, suggesting that she has been injured worse than she has been letting on. In November, she said back and hamstring injuries had been her undoing.

Ireland call up Field to take on England

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A "BEWILDERED" Maurice Field yesterday celebrated the announcement of his first rugby union appearance for Ireland. On February 19, five days before his thirtieth birthday, Field will play against England in the five nations' championship at Twickenham.

In the only change to the *team which lost* 17-15 to Wales last weekend, Field, the Malone centre, takes the place occupied so briefly by his Ulster colleague, Mark McCall. "I'm absolutely bewildered, amazed and stunned," Field, who works as a fireman in Belfast, said. Though a member of Ireland's preliminary World Cup squad in 1991, he was dropped from the final squad and won his first A cap only last Friday, in the defeat by Wales at Donnybrook. "I *never envisaged I was in with* a chance," he added. "The most I hoped for was holding my place in the A side."

C P O'Shea (Lansdowne); R M Wallace (Garryowen), M J Field (Malone), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain), N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), B F Robinson (Ballymena), M J Galwey (Shannon), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), P S Johns (Dungannon).

Replacements: C P Clarke (Terenure College), A N McGowan (Blackrock College), R Saunders (London Irish), K D O'Connell (Sunday's Well), A N Other, K G M Woods (Garryowen).

The sterility of the Irish midfield play this season suggested change and Field is a specialist outside centre. But the selectors specifically chose two inside centres together when they picked McCall for his first cap alongside Philip Danaher; to drop McCall now is harsh and, if change was required, it might have been more sensible to pick Field alongside his provincial colleague.

England will confirm their team on Sunday, but the absence of Tim Rodber from the Northampton side to play Bristol tomorrow suggests the back row may be unchanged. Rodber is recovering from a torn hamstring and does not wish to risk further damage by returning too early.

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Green peace threatened by questions of bias

David Rhys Jones considers a dispute in Australia about the way certain brands of bowls run towards the jack



Ian Schuback, the only Australian to have won the world indoor bowls singles title, arrives in Britain this week to prepare for this year's championships at Preston, sponsored by Churchill Insurance, fresh from a heated wrangle over bias in the Sale Classic Pairs tournament in Victoria this week.

The bronzed Schuback, with his flowing locks and rugged visage, looks as if he would be more at home fighting crocodiles than playing bowls. A one-time Australian Rules footballer (ask him politely about the scar on his jaw), he gave up his job as a professional tennis coach to concentrate on bowls in 1980 when he was 27, and is now probably the most professional bowler in the world.

After losing 17-10 in the semi-final on Wednesday, Schuback accused the opposing lead, Darren Yates, another Australian, of using British-made Drakes Pride bowls, which took, he alleged, a narrower and illegal line to the jack than the Master Bowl, which represents the minimum bias permitted by the World Bowls Board.

State Bowling Association officials ruled that the bowls should be table-tested, but the nearest testing table was 4½ hours away in Melbourne. No equipment was available with which to conduct a proper green test, so the tournament was abandoned.

The tale is laden with irony. Darren Yates was leading for his father, Jim, who partnered Schuback to the world indoor pairs title at Bournemouth in 1987. Moreover, Schuback uses Australian Henselite bowls, which many leading British players consider to be unfair. According to Yates Sr. *Schuback's "Maestros" were taking a* narrower line than his son's, an opinion readily backed up by independent observers. Jim Yates wanted the bowls to be tested on the green, and is believed to be considering legal action if the probity of the bowls hangs on a table test.

Last February, at Preston, Schuback's bowls were among a clutch that failed the mandatory pre-championship examination.

"We are not implying that the bowls are illegal, nor that there has been any sharp practice," the World Indoors Bowls Council secretary, Jimmy Davidson, said. "We simply feel they are too straight for use on this carpet and in this event."

Bowls could fail such a test for a number of reasons. All four in a set *must be identical, so it is conceivable* that a set of four "legal" bowls might fail simply because one is different from the other three. They might fail because all four run too straight, due to a manufacturing error. Worse still, they might have been tampered with, in the manner alleged of some cricketers.

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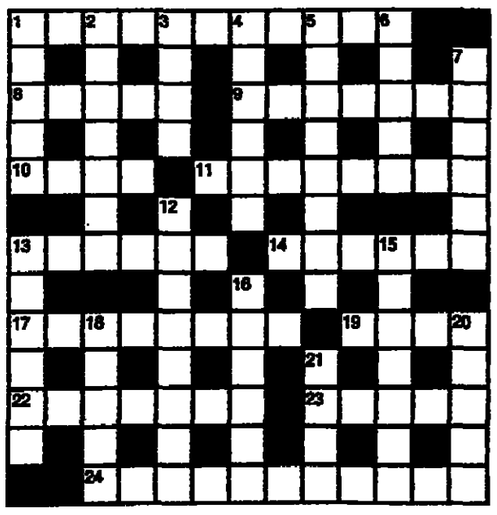
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 86

ACROSS
1 Rapid decider of tied contest (6,5)
8 Mountain with infamous North face (5)
9 Professional entertainer (7)
10 Thin wood supporting plaster (4)
11 Source of caviare (8)
13 Cattle pen (6)
14 Tayside castle (6)
17 Books of words (8)
19 Strength of character (4)
22 Invention; something non-existent (7)
23 Vex (5)
24 Ready-made; derivative (5-2-4)

DOWN
1 Pilfer (5)
2 Sirius (3-4)
3 Jane —, Bronte heroine (4)
4 Scarcity (6)
5 In spite of everything (5,3)
6 Speed (5)
7 Racquet game (6)
12 Cuban slow dance (8)
13 Isolated (3,3)
15 Napoleon 1800 victory; chicken style (7)
16 Miserable person (6)
18 Keen (5)
20 See if clothes fit (3,2)
21 Disconcert (4)

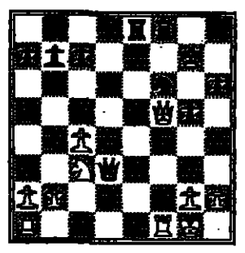
SOLUTION TO NO 85

ACROSS: 1 Fling 4 Succumb 8 Difficult 9 Urn 10 Par 11 Adrenalin 12 Flood 13 Nubia 16 Apple-cart 18 Dig 20 Hen 21 Rendition 22 Recital 23 Sieve

DOWN: 1 Fed up 2 Inferno 3 Grin and bear it 4 Squire 5 Cat-o'-nine-tails 6 Usual 7 Bonanza 12 Feather 14 Bedside 15 Darnel 17 Panic 19 Genie

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game van der Sterren - Kamsky, FIDE Candidates, Game 3, Wijk aan Zee 1994. Here Black has a killer blow. Can you see it?



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By Philip Howard

APRONEER
a. A rude mechanical
b. A type of stage
c. A Christian fundamentalist

BLURT
a. With snub nose
b. A wooden sword
c. A contemptuous puff

SAGAMORE
a. An Andean giant tree
b. An Indian chief
c. A Malayan cutlass

SINAEAN
a. Chinese
b. Heedless
c. Epicurean

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